



## **EDUSERV ANNOUNCES Athens PILOT for Access and Identity Management**

### **AZHIN initiates full pilot of Athens service platform.**

*Chicago(March 14, 2006)* – Eduserv, a leading provider of Access and Identity Management solutions for the academic, public and health sciences library community announced today that Arizona Health Information Network(AZHIN) is conducting a pilot of the Athens authentication service platform as a first step toward improving the administration of access management for protected resources.

"Electronic access has added a layer of administrative responsibility that places an extra burden on existing staff. We are finding libraries receptive to our service-based authentication model and we are excited to see organizations like AZHIN recognizing the benefits of the platform." says Jed Abernethy, Director of Business Development for North America, Eduserv.

#### **About Eduserv**

Eduserv is a leading provider of access and identity access management solutions that facilitate the complexities involved in managing the many-to-many relationships associated with connecting patrons to electronic resources. Today over 3.6 million users gain access to protected resources using Athens and 41 million authentication calls are made by Athens users every month.

For information about Athens, email [jed.abernethy@eduserv.net](mailto:jed.abernethy@eduserv.net) or visit our web site at [www.eduserv.org.uk](http://www.eduserv.org.uk).

#### **About AZHIN**

The Arizona Health Sciences Library (AHSL), the major teaching hospitals in Arizona, The University of Arizona College of Medicine and the Arizona Area Health Education Centers have joined in a cooperative project to use the Internet to reach the information resources they need. Together, these organizations developed the ideas and structure for what is now the Arizona Health Information Network, Inc. (AZHIN).

The Arizona Health Information Network reflects substantial cooperation and creative thinking on the part of representatives from member institutions and institutions wishing to participate in the future. AZHIN is strongly rooted in the cooperation and collaboration among hospital and academic health sciences librarians that has characterized the health sciences information and education fields in Arizona for years.

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