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**DST Output's West Operation Center named among  
*IndustryWeek's* Top 10 Best Plants**

***Company's East Operation Center is among top 21 finalists***

EL DORADO HILLS, CA, January 9, 2007 – DST Output's West Operation Center, located in El Dorado Hills, Calif., was honored as one of *IndustryWeek* magazine's 2007 Top 10 Best Plants in North America. The West facility is profiled with other Top 10 winners in the January issue of *IndustryWeek* Magazine.

"This award is directly attributed to the processes, operations and practices we have in place to be a premier provider of statement and billing output solutions," said Steve Towle, DST Output CEO. "It's an honor to once again be acknowledged by *IndustryWeek* as a leader in the industry."

This 2007 win represents a second consecutive Top 10 award for DST Output's West Operation Center. In addition, *IndustryWeek* recognized DST Output's East Operation Center, located in Hartford, Conn., among 21 Best Plant finalists from approximately 165 plants who were nominated in this 18<sup>th</sup> competition.

"To have two facilities included in *IndustryWeek's* Best Plant finalists, and then one named among its Top 10 winners, is a noteworthy achievement that is testament to our outstanding capabilities and performance," said DST Output Executive Vice President Karl Turner.

The rigorous selection process involved a panel of *IndustryWeek* editors who reviewed each application, which included reports on management practices and plant performance in areas

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such as quality, customer and supplier relations, employee involvement, application of new technologies, productivity, cost reductions, manufacturing flexibility and responsiveness, inventory management, environmental and safety performance, new product development and overall market results.

Selection of the final Top 10 winners from *IndustryWeek*'s list of finalists then involved evaluation by outside experts, review of additional information provided by the finalists and site visits to validate performance data and management practices reported in the applications.

“This award is a tribute to the associates of DST Output who are committed to the company – and committed to serving our clients,” added Towle. “I am very proud of their combined efforts and wish to thank and congratulate them for this achievement.”

### **About DST Output**

DST Output, a subsidiary of DST Systems Inc., provides integrated print and electronic statement and billing output solutions to many of the country's largest financial services, communications, insurance, healthcare, and utilities companies. In 2006, DST Output and its affiliates produced more than 2.6 billion customer communications, delivered throughout the United States, Canada and the U.K. via postal service, express delivery and over the Internet. We are the largest third-party First-Class™ mailer in the United States and the world's largest inkjet systems printer. For more information, visit [www.dstoutput.com](http://www.dstoutput.com).

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