



September 14th, 2007

By Staff Writer

Fritz Institute releases HELIOS

Fritz Institute, engaged in improving the delivery and effectiveness of humanitarian aid worldwide, has announced that its Helios software platform, under development for the past two years, is now available to humanitarian relief organizations around the world.

Helios provides real-time, web-based information that allows for effective collaboration and coordination under complex conditions. The Helios license is currently provided free of charge by Fritz Institute, while implementation costs are borne by user organizations.

Developed under the direction of Fritz Institute chief logistics officer Mitsuko Mizushima, Helios helps humanitarian relief organizations to catalogue, track and deliver supplies to disaster victims.

The first humanitarian organization to implement Helios is World Vision International, a non-governmental organization, which is currently using Helios to manage its aid efforts in Somalia and has plans to roll out Helios to manage supplies for a variety of humanitarian initiatives underway in Zambia, Uganda, Ghana, South Sudan and other countries.