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**Benchmark CEO McDowell joins HIE Market Council**

October 18, 2008...Tyson McDowell accepted an invitation to join the Health Information Exchange Market Council. The HIE Market Council has a clearly stated objective to "Form an independent body of industry thought leaders and stakeholders for the purpose of creating strategic operational and financially sustainable Health Information Exchange (HIE) business models that will be placed in the public domain to facilitate and foster the exchange of clinical and administrative data between healthcare entities."

Rod Bazzani, EVP of TransUnion and a current member of the council, stated, "Participation in the HIE Market Council is by invitation only and Tyson was invited because of his reputation of being visionary, an original thinker and a problem solver."

Bazanni went on to explain that "Our product will be in the form of white papers and a final report that will be published and put in the public domain. We hope the products of our effort will serve as reference material or a handbook that can be used by any organization that is struggling to achieve sustainability for their HIE."

McDowell expressed his excitement at joining the council. "There are so many disparate entities and communication pathways in this industry. The market is becoming more fragmented and less standardized, and the HIE Market Council is doing some positive work to put things on the right track. Data handling is at the core of healthcare administration, and until we unify around some models to facilitate data exchange, there will be serious holes in communication which can result in very real problems."

Other current members of the council include:

- Chairman John Casillas, Executive Director, Medical Banking Project
- Co-Chair Dr. Mark Braunstein, Director, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Tom Dean, CEO, Revenue Management Solutions
- B P Fulmer, CEO, Thelma-US
- John Feikema, CEO, VisionShare

McDowell co-founded Benchmark with several partners in late 2001. His system architecture formed the basis for the technology which has made Benchmark a leading healthcare revenue cycle player. He has served as CEO for the past two years.

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