



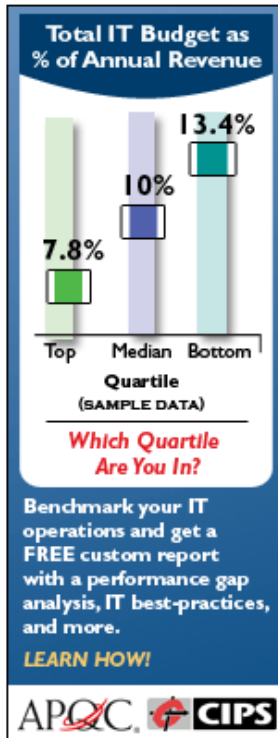
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### Top Story

- **Skills Shortage:** Labour information released at INFORMATICS 2006 indicates business analysts and BI specialists will be in short supply. Plus: Why is CIPS updating its Code of Ethics?
- **Status Report:** At INFORMATICS 2006, CIPS and RIS presented a national report card on what Canada's IT thought leaders see as the governance and professionalism challenges and opportunities facing the industry today.
- **GATS:** Under the General Agreement on Trade in Services, the Canadian federal government has made an offer to allow entry for foreign trained workers who hold the **Information Systems Professional** designation.
- **SPAM:** To make money, spammers need to get their message out to as many people as possible. And they are willing to do whatever it takes to get their message into your in basket.
- **Measurement:** The real value in IT measurement lies in process data. Learn why IT groups should focus on their processes.
- **Best Practices:** Bombardier Aerospace redesigned an employee portal that has evolved into a useful tool and an information hot spot.
- **Interviews / Blogs / Podcasts by Stephen Ibaraki FCIPS, I.S.P.:** Hear the thoughts and commentary from international experts and community leaders:
  - o CIM Blog: EnergizeIT for Neil Squire: Empowering people with Disabilities;
  - o CIM Blog: New Professional Credentialing/Certification Paths for IT Workers; and
  - o CIM Blog: EnergizeIT Photos.
- **Job Postings:** Career opportunities in IT. Positions available: [Account Manager](#); [CRM Developer](#); [Junior VB.Net Developer](#) and ... other job postings, [VIEW HERE](#).
- **Upcoming Events**



  
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The **Information Systems Professional (I.S.P.) designation** is **NOW AVAILABLE** to academics, IT leaders (such as CIOs) and experienced IT professionals, three groups of IT workers that were not eligible for the designation previously.

More information about the new and improved I.S.P. designation can be found at: <http://www.cips.ca/news/media/news.asp?aID=2262> and <http://www.cips.ca/standards/isp>.

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