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Since 1976, Open Systems, Inc. has been providing financial software to small and midsize businesses. Those years of experience are reflected in TRAVERSE Not-For-Profit (NFP) Software. TRAVERSE NFP was created using Microsoft technology,
thus providing seamless integration with all Microsoft Office products such as Word, Excel and Outlook.

EASE OF USE/FLEXIBILITY — 4 Stars
The main user screen of TRAVERSE NFP features three sections. The main menu lists all installed modules so when you choose a module, all module options will be displayed in the second section. Choosing a module option will display function details in the third section. If you prefer, you can choose an Explorer-type interface instead. You can change the company by clicking on the arrow next to where the current company name is displayed. Clicking on a new company will update your screen immediately. TRAVERSE NFP is easily navigated, with lookup lists in all data-entry screens. As well, data can be easily imported from a variety of third-party software vendors, including payroll and fundraising products.

MODULES/SCALABILITY — 4 Stars
Along with the NFP module, the accounting system contains GL, AR, AP, Fixed Assets, Payroll, Direct Deposit, Bank Reconciliation and System Manager modules. Optional add-ons include the Multi-Currency module and the Digital Dashboard, a data consolidation tool. Transactions can be imported using a variety of document

formats. You can also link Internet capabilities to your organization to provide

FEATURES/FUNCTIONALITY — 5 Stars

TRAVERSE NFP account numbers can be up to 30 alphanumeric characters in length, with up to seven segments per account number. You can further define your accounts by utilizing the "account classes" and "account types" options. Any fund, activity or grant can be listed as active or inactive to ensure financial statement accuracy. The Allocations function, found in the GL, Payroll and AP transactions screens, lets you allocate revenues, expenses or payroll costs to the appropriate account. All fund activity is tracked, and due to/from entries are automatically created and posted in the GL.

The Digital Dashboard, new in version 10.2, consolidates information from various TRAVERSE applications that are chosen by the user into a single location for quick and easy review. This is an excellent feature, as well as a timesaver. And the new Multi-Currency module could prove to be extremely useful to those foundations and organizations that routinely receive funds from around the world.

REPORTING — 4.5 Stars

A built-in report writer provides numerous standard and customized reports. Standard reports offer varying levels of detail from which to choose. Reports can be viewed, printed, saved to a file or exported to a variety of different formats. TRAVERSE NFP also produces FASB-117 compliant reports to meet federal financial requirements. Other reports available include the Statement of Financial Position, Statement of Activities, Statement of Functional Expenses, and the Revenue and Expense to Budget Comparison report. All reports also contain "cross fiscal year" capability.

SUPPORT/HELP — 4.5 Stars

TRAVERSE offers a Continuous Enhancement Subscription (CES) Plan, which ensures

that you will receive all product enhancements and upgrades on a timely basis.

and the included source code, TRAVERSE NFP is an excellent choice for those in the market for a product that can be uniquely their own.

2005 Overall Rating — 4.5 Stars

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