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From The Publisher

It's Spring, and a not so young man's thoughts turn to Collaborate 08 and with the sap (not SAP) rising, other thoughts are flowing.

The Collaborate 08 selection committee accepted all seven of our presentation proposals for the big conference in Denver. Those of you attending Collaborate will

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EI **ON FINANCIALS / ACCOUNTS PAYABLE**
Expense Management: An Overview, by Dipesh Mandalia

Whether it's traveling to a meeting, dinner with a client, or home office expenses, every company has to account for a certain amount of employee expenditure—which equals the dreaded “expense report”. It's a time-consuming process if done manually. Of course, the Expense Management module in JD Edwards can make it so much more efficient—and by that we mean automated. If you haven't discovered this functionality, let Dipesh Mandalia take you on a tour.

WEI **ON DISTRIBUTION / SALES ORDER MANAGEMENT**
Interbranch Sales Orders, by Jane Perry and Mark Williams

We recently added a new section to our JDEtips Mastery Level Sales Order workshop manual. All about Interbranch Sales Orders. Jane Perry wrote the original material, and Mark Williams has added some additional insight. We felt this was the time to share this information with you in our Document Library. In our next issue, Mark will provide the counterpart to this paper – the Accounting side of Interbranch Sales. Stay tuned.

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have access to all our latest tips and techniques on HCM Accrual and Rollovers, Multi-Currency, ERW, World A9.1 PC Import/Export, Sales Order, Advanced Pricing, and A/R – A/P Netting. See page 5 for details on when and where each of our presentations will be held.

Our consultant presenters at Collaborate will be available for one-on-one sessions, so if you'd like to schedule an appointment, please email your request to Lori.Stone@ERPtips.com.

The Fall JDEtips University schedule is posted on our Website, and is also available on page 6. Our Spring session is going extremely well, with 140 students attending. We have a few seats left in the April classes, so click [here](#) to check availability for the remaining classes.

My thanks to those of you who have used our training services recently—I'm very committed to ensuring that everyone has a positive experience at all our classes.

I'm saving the “other thoughts” mentioned above to be announced at Collaborate. I'll just say that we've got three new initiatives to announce that will add even more value to our JD Edwards training programs. OK, here's a hint on two of them: Boot Exam. (You'll just have to come see me in Denver to find out what this means.)

This issue of JDEtips has some great content for our readers. The whole Red Stack / Blue Stack thing? Done! It's the subject of Charles Anderson's cover story, and I have no doubt that it will quickly prove to be one of our most popular articles ever.

Lot control is a complex topic in Distribution and Manufacturing, and Tyler Simonton does a masterful job of organizing and explaining all the rich lot functionality that permeates JD Edwards.

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This issue starts the JDEtips writing career of a new Payroll/HR expert, Claire Hensler. More articles from Claire will definitely fill our needs in this area.

The rest of this issue contains technical articles from our usual crew of JDE techies. It's all good stuff. CJ Rhoads is back with an excellent CIO Corner piece on IT Spending in an Uncertain Economy. Finally, check out page 2 for a summary of two additional white papers on Financial and Distribution topics.

Have a great Spring and I hope to see many of you at Collaborate 08.

Sincerely,

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