

The U.S. Government has honored CSI International for Twenty-Six Years of innovation

In 1995 CSI's development group embarked upon the creation of TCP/IP for the VSE environment, with the idea of a solution that was designed specifically for VSE. Rather than approach this monumental task by using other designs, and implementations, CSI developed TCP/IP from the Standard RFC documents alone, with no reference to any other implementation. The end result has been a product that has been used all over the world, with unmatched performance, stability, and functionality. Today, TCP/IP for z/VSE is the most flexible comprehensive solution for the IBM z series platform, performing and delivering a system that is more effective than any other IBM offering, on any of IBM's platforms.

On August 31st, 2021, The United States Patent and Trademark Office recognized the value and significance of this innovative design, with a U.S. Patent (US 11,108,671). The internal design for TCP/IP for z/VSE, still stands alone in the world as a unique solution. Not only can CSI boast that they have achieved success on the z series platform, but no other TCP/IP implementation has used such a structure on any platform over the last twenty-six years. The challenges of creating a solution for the oldest operating system in the world, z/VSE, has driven CSI's developers to break new ground, and look for unimagined methods. We would like to take a moment to congratulate the achievements of CSI's development staff, and add this significant accolade to their list of growing accomplishments. If not for the work of these innovative developers, VSE would have merely been a footnote, rather than a robust corporate solution for the last twenty-five years.

Enthusiastically yours, Barry Boyer Chief Executive Officer | <u>CSI International</u>