

# Y2K mission-critical systems verified and validated A-OK

As part of our Y2K program, Western contracted with InterSouth Inc., to conduct an independent

verification and validation of our mission-critical systems.

Independent verification and validation is essentially an outside review of the Y2K readiness work already done on these systems to ensure we followed proper procedures and conducted necessary testing. InterSouth reviewed all docu-

mentation and made on-site visits to interview technical points of contact.

InterSouth found no significant problems or omissions. The only concern was that test results for some systems were not

detailed in writing; however, we are currently doing additional end-to-end testing to ensure interconnected systems function properly together. This will allow us to strengthen our Y2K compliance documentation.

The six mission-critical systems the independent verification and validation addressed are the regional Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition systems, BIDSS and the Open Access Same-time Information System at DSW. ✎

