The Top 22 Enterprise HRO Deals

2004 was a roller-coaster year for BPO. But as *HRO Today*'s annual list of the top enterprise-level HRO deals of the year shows, HRO is still coming out on top.

Early 2004, in the pre-presidential election mass-media feeding frenzy, it seemed as though the three most frightening letters in the English language, next to WMD, were BPO. Turn on the TV and you would hear pundits pontificating on the effects of outsourcing, which many used synonymously with offshoring. Open the newspapers and see front-page editorials on "Outsourcing Pros and Cons." Even pop culture jumped on the trend. The Internet and entertainment magazines abounded with bizarre outsourcing stories (the Catholic Church is outsourcing prayers to India, did you know?).

Former MTVers worked on the much-hyped documentary America's Jobs. Even the publishing world jumped in the fray. Folio Magazine outsourced an entire issue—editorial and design—in an ode to outsourcing.

The only people who weren't talking about outsourcing were the users and providers.

Fast forward to end 2004, post-presidential election, and the controversy surrounding outsourcing has ended with a whimper, not a bang. The HRO industry has emerged not only unscathed but also stronger than ever. And the previously quiet giants have begun to speak up.

As our list below shows, some of the biggest names in the industry bought in to HRO this year—Sun, Goodyear, Best Buy, TXU. And former media-shy providers, such as Fidelity and Hewitt, began to tout their growing services. Hewitt's relationship with CapGemini and acquisition of Exult this fall prompted several major HRO contracts on the list; Convergys acquired DigitalThink earlier in the year, strengthening its offerings. Look for other bigname buyers and providers following the consolidation trend, such as EDS-Towers Perrin, to appear more prominently on the list in 2005.

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This list was developed by contacting 26 of the leading HRO service providers and requesting information on their largest HRO deals of the year. The information was then verified and added to by online searches of company Web sites, press archives, and news sources. Last, we sent our list of nominees to a number of the top BPO sourcing consultants for their seal of approval. Enjoy.

HRO User	HRO Provider	Date of Contract	Employees Covered	Contract Amount (U	Contract SD) Length (yrs)		
ABB (U.S. Operations) Fidelity Employer Services Co. Jan 2005 9,500 NA NA Expansion of 1995 contract, which included health and welfare administration, 401 (k), and defined benefit plans; additional services under new contract include payroll, HR administration, and HR technology.							
3 3	Hewitt Associates Exult, the new Hewitt-Exult combo closed t ees and provide a suite of technology and		J	NA e their core adm	NA inistrative and		
Bank of America Corporation Fidelity Employer Services Co. Apr 2004 250,000 NA 7 In one of the first big HRO re-contractings, BOA turned to Fidelity to provide it with a wide range of human resources and benefits administration services including a full suite of integrated workforce effectiveness services, such as compensation planning, performance management, talent management, and learning management; payroll, timekeeping, and attendance; personnel administration; employee records; HRIS management; health, welfare, and defined benefit; defined contribution; and stock plans.							
Best Buv	Accenture HR Services	Jan 2004	90.000	NA	7		

Mega retailer Best Buy bought into Accenture's HR offering for HR systems support, payroll, compensation and benefits, staffing and recruiting, corporate HR generalists, and HR operations and technology. Accenture will also build several new HR capabilities for Best Buy, including a call/service center for employee inquiries, an employee Web portal, a staffing system to facilitate the internal and external recruiting of employees, and an employee-centric data warehouse that centralizes all data about individual employees

Bristol-Myers Squibb Accenture HR Services Dec 2004 44,000 NA 5
Similar to the groundbreaking BT deal, Bristol-Myers Squibb moved from shared services to full-scale HR BPO under this newly inked contract.

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CapGemini A full-scale HR BPO contract that inclu	Hewitt Associates des workforce administration, benefits, co	Oct 2004 ompensation, recru	NA uiting, and payroll	NA services.	10			
Chubb & Son Chubb & Son, part of the Chubb Group o	ACS f Insurance, signed on with ACS for payroll,	Jan 2005 benefits administra	NA ation, staffing, train	NA ing, and relocation	NA services.			
Cinergy Services Aon HRO will provide enterprise-wide s	Aon HR Outsourcing services related to employment and staffi	Nov 2004 ng outsourcing fo	7,700 r the vast majority	NA of Cinergy's hiring	3 needs.			
Finnair An indication that European HRO is cacurrent SAP system.	ARINSO International tching on, ARINSO will develop new HR n	Dec 2004 nanagement and μ	8,000 payroll systems for	NA Finnair and consol	12.5 idate their			
Goodyear Tire & Rubber Company Goodyear went the fully-loaded approa recruiting and staffing systems, and su	ch with this HRO contract. ACS is providi	Feb 2004 ing payroll, medica	40,000 al benefits adminis	NA tration, call center,	10 , training,			
IHG (Intercontinental Hotel Group) ADP Employer Services Jan 2004 32,000 NA 5 Services provided to IHG's U.S. and U.K. employees include payroll administration services, benefits administration services, Human Resources Management System, tax services, and regulatory and compliance services.								
Levi Strauss & Co. Full-scale HRO contract including bene	Accenture HR Services fits and HR administration, payroll, HR IT,	Dec 2004 , and more.	12,300	NA	5			
Northwestern Memorial Hospital Providing a number of human resource welfare consulting, and administration	Mellon HR&IS consulting and outsourcing services incluservices for NMH's defined benefit pension	Sep 2004 uding actuarial val on plan and healt	7,500 luations, retiremen h and welfare plan	NA t plan consulting, l s.	NA health and			
Rockwell Automation Services provided under the contract in Automation's 15,000 U.S. employees.	Hewitt Associates clude workforce administration, payroll, l	Jan 2005 health and welfare	15,000 e, and defined ben	NA efit services to Roc	NA kwell			
	ACS ructure services, including HR IT administrat ance management and leadership developm							
Sandvik	Accenture HR Services	Nov 2004	14,185 (current		10			
Accenture will provide Sandvik with administrative-related services in the areas of resourcing, customer services, competence development, performance management, reward and recognition, and workforce administration. Accenture will use its global delivery network to provide services to Sandvik and will also establish a new service center in Sandviken. Currently serving more than 14,000 employees in three countries, the deal is expected to expand to include additional countries and more than 23,000 employees.								
	Hewitt Associates vorkforce administration, recruiting and s a global basis in both the United States			> \$100M n, performance ma	5 nagement, and			
Texas HHSC Comprehensive human resources and p	Convergys Corporation ayroll services for the state's Health and	Oct 2004 Human Services C	46,000 Commission.	NA	5			
TRW Providing an array of health and welfa	Fidelity Employer Services Co. re benefits as well as 401(K) and stock o	Jun 2004 ptions.	34,500	NA	NA			
benefits, including health, wealth, and	Hewitt Associates γ, design, and administration to all TXU L retirement; payroll; compensation and re nent and succession planning; business p	wards managemer	nt; learning develo	pment and training				
Visteon Corporation A global BPO contract that includes may payroll and health and welfare services	Ceridian anaged payroll services for employees in a for U.S. employees.	Sep 2004 the United Kingdo	10,000 m, France, Germar	NA ıy, Portugal, and Sp	5 pain as well as			
Williams Companies Multi-domain outsourcing mega deal tl	IBM nat includes HRO, FAO, and ITO.	Jul 2004	NA	\$320M (total)	7.5			

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