

Editorial Preview

A very high percentage of the **MIS Quarterly's** readership consists of people building information systems within firms in the private sector. A great deal of the effort in MIS is taking place within the public sector. Judicial information systems, hospital systems, and governmental systems are just a few examples. There is much that each of these groups can learn from each other. In an attempt to draw readers from the public sector, the **MIS Quarterly** encourages material from these sources. The article in this issue by Professor Danziger dealing with the frustration felt by governmental executives with computer based systems is a good example of an article that should appeal to both private and public sector audiences. As we continue with our top executive interviews, it is likely that the public sector will soon be represented.

I would also like to call attention to the fact that there is severe doubt in the minds of the editorial staff that we can continue a viable "Applications" section of this journal unless more practical material is submitted. Presently we are having to take a very broad view of what constitutes "applications" with the danger of offending many of our practitioners. Thus, if the purists among you regard the applications articles as inappropriately titled, I would point out that it is not a reflection of editorial policy, but reflects a dearth of appropriate material.

We are very interested in hearing from you, the readers of the **MIS Quarterly**. You may find an article or interview particularly enlightening or helpful in view of your present concerns. On the other hand, your experiences may place you in absolute disagreement with an author's point of view. We'd be very interested in hearing about this. Please address your comments to me directly at the **MIS Quarterly** office at the University of Minnesota.

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