

## Windows Vista Rollout Likely One to Two Years After Release

*IT Business Edge Survey indicates small businesses will be more aggressive than larger companies in adopting Microsoft's new operating system.*

Louisville, KY (PRWEB) January 24, 2006 -- Small and medium-sized businesses (SMBs) may be more aggressive than larger firms in their plans to rollout the forthcoming Microsoft Windows Vista release, but few shops are in any hurry to make the transition, according to a recent survey of [IT Business Edge](#) subscribers.

Thirty-five percent of survey respondents who identified themselves as being from companies with fewer than 1,000 employees said that, based on current information, they'll probably roll out Microsoft's next operating system sometime within the first year of release. In comparison, just 19 percent of respondents from organizations with 1,000 or more employees, said they expect to rollout Vista in the first year.

For both company-size categories, these results reflect a slower rate of Windows Vista adoption than might be expected for other infrastructure or operating system rollouts. Fifty-two percent of respondents from SMBs said they typically are aggressive with new releases or roll them out within the first year of release; 44 percent of respondents from larger organizations gave a similar response.

The most common implementation timeframe cited by all respondents, at 31 percent, was within one to two years of Vista's launch.

More than 500 IT Business Edge subscribers participated this January in the informal survey, which also asked respondents about their general attitudes toward Microsoft products and which promised features of Windows Vista are of most interest to them. Full results of the survey, plus breakouts of some key segments, are available for download at <http://www.itbusinessedge.com/item/?ci=11414>.

Some other interesting data points from the survey:

- Overall, only eight percent of respondents said they would upgrade to Windows Vista within 6 months of release.
- Overall, 46 percent of respondents said that new security features would be a factor in causing them to undertake a Windows Vista rollout; the next most popular response was end of support for legacy Windows systems, at 28 percent.
- 42 percent of respondents said they had heard nothing about the Windows Vista release that would fit the description of being "most concerning."

- Interest in Windows Vista was more acute among respondents from smaller companies, with 36 percent saying they are very interested in news about the upcoming platform rollout. Thirty-one percent of respondents from companies with 1,000 or more employees said they were very interested in Windows Vista. But across the board, 77 percent of respondents said they are interested in Windows Vista and are keeping at least moderately informed on the new operating system.

The anonymous survey was administered via e-mail and Web-based survey technology. While every attempt was made to ensure that results are accurate and credible, these results should be viewed as anecdotal and not scientific research.

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