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## **CMI Announces ACT Portal, A Complimentary Optimization Tool for AWS/SoftLayer**

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Chouinard & Myhre, Inc. (CMI) provides users with cutting edge cloud solutions and continues to enhance user experience with the new ACT Portal to streamline billing by offering a single, consolidated invoice. The new tool features an interactive dashboard that allows for drill-down views of accounts, product categories, resource IDs and cost centers. With these new capabilities, users will be able to see detailed reporting of financial resources, products, EULA (end-user licensing agreements), and reserved instances (RIs).

“The ACT Portal helps public cloud users manage their complex cloud deployments, billing, and reporting,” said Vanessa Nudd, Director of the

Cloud Solutions Practice at CMI, “but most importantly, it will save clients an average of 20-30% on recurring cloud costs.”

For current AWS users, this new tool replaces the Consolidated Billing component offered by AWS. Through ACT, users will be able to access Enterprise Level AWS Support, built in approvals-based workflows, and recommendations to help lower overall costs of AWS usage. The ACT Portal streamlines overall cloud management by improving oversight/control of departmental spend and optimizes costs through RI purchases and detailed analytics. You can sign up for the ACT Portal at <http://www.cm-inc.com/act/>.

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