



Jeffery P. Howells is the executive vice president and chief financial officer of Tech Data Corporation. Founded in 1974, the Clearwater-based company is a leading distributor of IT products with more than 90,000 customers in over 100 countries worldwide. Ranked 109th on the Fortune 500, Tech Data (Nasdaq: TECD) generated \$21.4 billion in net sales for the fiscal year ended January 31, 2007.

Mr. Howells joined Tech Data in 1991 as vice president of finance when net sales totaled \$640 million. He assumed the responsibilities of chief financial officer in 1992 and a year later was promoted to senior vice president of finance and chief financial officer. In 1997 he was named executive vice president and chief financial officer. Mr. Howells has also served as a member of Tech Data's board of directors since 1998.

Mr. Howells leads Tech Data's worldwide financial operations, including financial planning and analysis, accounting and controls, credit services, tax, treasury, legal and real estate. Under Mr. Howells' direction, Tech Data has completed many complex financial transactions including four major international acquisitions, several secondary stock offerings, and numerous credit and public debt arrangements, including three convertible debenture offerings totaling nearly \$1 billion. These accomplishments have contributed towards a tremendous increase in Tech Data's market capitalization from approximately \$290 million in 1991 to nearly \$2 billion today. In 2005 Tech Data received the Fortune 500 Hall of Fame award for being one of ten companies that rose the fastest on the national ranking. In conjunction with the award, Fortune stated, "Tech Data has outsmarted rivals by keeping expenses and debt low. Boom or bust, smart management never goes out of style."

Prior to joining Tech Data, Mr. Howells was with Price Waterhouse in a variety of management positions leading to senior audit manager. Mr. Howells is a certified public accountant and holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Stetson University in Deland, Fla.

Mr. Howells is active in his community and has served on the board of Shorecrest Preparatory School, an independent, non-profit, college preparatory day school serving students from pre-school through grade 12, since 2000. He has served on multiple committees while on the Shorecrest Board and is currently active with the construction and fundraising for new classroom facilities. Mr. Howells was a member of the St. Petersburg Family YMCA Board from 1998 to 2006 and his efforts were instrumental in helping to raise \$11 million for a new state-of-the-art facility.

Mr. Howells and his wife, Mary-Ellen, reside in St. Petersburg, Florida and have two children. Jessica, age 14, is a freshman at Shorecrest Preparatory School and Chris, age 23, is a graduate of University of Missouri at Columbia and is currently employed by HSN.