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**MICROSOFT ANNOUNCES SECOND QUARTER SOUTH
CENTRAL PARTNER AWARDS PROGRAM WINNERS**

June 28, 2007 – Microsoft is pleased to announce the second quarter winners of the U.S. Field Partner Awards Program in the South Central Area, consisting of Arkansas, Louisiana, Oklahoma and Texas. This program, held quarterly, recognizes the contributions of partners serving small, mid-market and enterprise commercial customers.

“We place tremendous value on our partners, who help us deliver solutions and applications to customers,” said Chris Sakalosky, South Central Area general manager for Microsoft’s Small and Midmarket Solutions and Partners (SMS&P) group. “Microsoft believes these organizations should be acknowledged for their great contributions and achievements over the past quarter,”

In the second quarter, partners were recognized across three individual categories: Customer Satisfaction, Loyalty, and Marketing Excellence. Category winners will also be entered into the annual Regional Awards program, presented this summer at the World-Wide Partner Conference in Denver. Additionally, partners participating in the Partner Demo Contest have been recognized. Winners for the South Central area are as follows:

Aztec, Carrollton, Texas - Loyalty

The Loyalty award recognizes partners who have been exceptionally loyal to Microsoft either through tenure milestones, or through an outstanding act of loyalty that demonstrated their commitment to Microsoft.

ISI, Dallas, Texas – Marketing Excellence

The Marketing Excellence award recognizes partners who constantly seek to improve their processes and practices, sharing their expertise and ideas with others. It also recognizes partners who leverage and build on Microsoft’s GTM activities to provide great value in reaching customers to help solve business problems using MS technology.

Springpoint, Tulsa, Okla. – *Customer Satisfaction*

The Customer Satisfaction and Experience award recognizes a partner who has consistently provided exceptional customer satisfaction. It also rewards positive, predictable, value-based experience created by the partner for the customer through superior achievement or programs designed to dramatically improve customer experience

BT INS, Dallas– *Partner Demo Contest, Office System 2007*

Partners in the area were asked to provide a demo showcasing their expertise of Office System 2007. Winners were chosen based on their grasp of the new software and their ability to utilize it to maximize its effectiveness.

Softmart, Dallas – *Partner Demo Contest, Windows Vista*

Partners in the area were asked to provide a demo showcasing their expertise of Windows Vista. Winners were chosen based on their grasp of the new technology and their skills in implementing solutions based on that knowledge.

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