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Sherwood Systems Attains Gold Certified Partner Status in Microsoft Partner Program for the Fourth Year

Sherwood Systems Further Distinguishes Itself by Earning Microsoft Competencies in Microsoft Business Solutions and ISV/Software Solutions

Phoenix, Arizona, USA — January, 22, 2008 — Sherwood Systems today announced it has attained Gold Certified Partner status in the Microsoft Partner Program for the fourth year with competencies in Microsoft Business Solutions and ISV/Software Solutions, recognizing Sherwood Systems expertise and impact in the technology marketplace. As a Gold Certified Partner, Sherwood Systems has demonstrated expertise with Microsoft technologies and a proven ability to meet customers' needs. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners receive a rich set of benefits, including access, training and support, giving them a competitive advantage in the channel.

Since 1990, Sherwood Systems has provided business management solutions for small to midsize businesses in the Southwest and U.S. Sherwood's goal is to provide their clients with the best solutions for their unique business needs. Sherwood Systems team members are devoted to systems implementation, training, technical support and development and are fully certified in Microsoft Dynamics™ GP, Microsoft Dynamics™ CRM, and Microsoft Small Business Financials.

"We are extremely pleased to have attained Gold Certified Partner status for the fourth year in the Microsoft Partner Program. This allows us to clearly promote our expertise and relationship with Microsoft to our customers," said Pauline Zorz, General Manager. "The benefits provided through our Gold Certified Partner status will allow us to continue to enhance the offerings that we provide for customers."

"Customers are looking for partner companies that can bridge the gap between their business demands and technology capabilities," said Allison Watson, vice president of the Worldwide Partner Sales and Marketing Group at Microsoft Corp. "They need to trust in a company that can act as an expert adviser for their long-term strategic technology plans. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners, which have certified expertise and direct training and support from Microsoft, can build a positive customer experience with our technologies. Today, Microsoft recognizes Sherwood Systems as a Gold Certified Partner for demonstrating its expertise providing customer satisfaction using Microsoft products and technology."

As one of the requirements for attaining Gold Certified Partner status, Sherwood Systems had to declare a Microsoft Competency. Microsoft Competencies are designed to help differentiate a partner's capabilities with specific Microsoft technologies to customers looking for a particular type of solution. Each competency has a unique set of requirements and benefits,

formulated to accurately represent the specific skills and services that partners bring to the technology industry.

The Microsoft Business Solutions Competency is designed for partners with proven expertise in designing and/or implementing enterprise resource planning (ERP) and customer relationship management (CRM) capabilities using Microsoft's financial, CRM and supply chain management solutions. Microsoft solutions partners have capitalized on this opportunity to help organizations develop and build integrated ERP and CRM solutions around Microsoft technology.

"Microsoft partners that specialize in business applications meet a unique market need," said Tami Reller, corporate vice president of Microsoft Business Solutions at Microsoft Corp. "We are rolling out programs and initiatives such as the Microsoft Business Solutions Competency that are designed to not only bring continuity to partners in how they work with us, but also to provide partners with a way to showcase their expertise in ERP and CRM to customers that depend on them for services."

The ISV/Software Solutions Competency recognizes the skill and focus partners bring to a particular solution set. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners that have obtained this competency have a successful record of developing and marketing software based on Microsoft technologies.

"Solutions competencies are an important way for Microsoft to better enable ISVs to meet customer needs," said Sanjay Parthasarathy, corporate vice president of the Developer & Platform Evangelism Group at Microsoft. "They allow ISVs to keep and win customers through their deep knowledge of solutions-based Microsoft platform technologies. Microsoft has a long history of working closely with ISV partners to help them deliver compelling solutions and applications to our mutual customers, and the Microsoft Competencies are an important step in continuing to enhance vital relationships with ISVs worldwide."

The Microsoft Partner Program was launched in October 2003 and represents Microsoft's ongoing commitment to the success of partners worldwide. The program offers a single, integrated partnering framework that recognizes partner expertise, rewards the total impact that partners have in the technology marketplace, and delivers more value to help partners' businesses be successful.

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