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Encore Business Solutions is an IAMCP Canada Partner of the Year Finalist in Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards

Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards recognize top Canadian technology partners for customer support and service successes

Winnipeg, Manitoba – October 3, 2008 – Encore Business Solutions announced that it has been selected as a finalist in the **IAMCP Canada Partner of the Year** category for the 2008 Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards. The sixth annual IMPACT Awards recognize excellence within the Microsoft technology partner community in Canada as well as the innovative solutions and value they deliver to customers.

“Partners are at the core of Microsoft’s business model and Microsoft has always relied upon a strong network of technology partner companies to bring technology to customers and provide the foundation for delivering solutions to the marketplace.” said Lora Gernon, Director, Partner Group, Microsoft Canada Co. “We are proud to celebrate companies like **Encore Business Solutions** at the Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards as they help drive business growth and customer satisfaction through their stellar demonstration of industry leadership.”

Encore Business Solutions was chosen as a finalist in **IAMCP Canada Partner of the Year** category. This award category is new this year and recognizes a technology partner who has demonstrated leadership across all four pillars of the IAMCP focus which include Partner Channel Building, Advocacy, Community/Citizenship and Education.

“We’re proud to be recognized for all of our efforts and success in collaborating with other partners of Microsoft Dynamics® and the work we do in our community,” states Brent Twist, CEO, Encore Business Solutions. “We take pride in our activities and delivering quality and innovative solutions to our customers and we are honored to be recognized as an Impact Award finalist for the third time in four years.”

Encore Business Solutions along with other technology partner winners and finalists in each of the award categories will be honored at a gala event in Toronto on November 13, 2008.

About the Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards

In 2003, Microsoft Canada replaced all of its previous technology partner awards with a unified program that also recognizes customer service, marketing, and contribution to the community. Microsoft Canada has outlined 30 categories to highlight the Partner Program competencies to honour the achievements of top technology partners.

The Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards were open to Systems Integrators, Large Account Resellers, Direct Market Resellers, Value Added Resellers, Distributors, Systems Builders, Authorized Education Resellers, Certified Partners for Learning Solutions, Microsoft Certified Partners, Independent Software Vendors, Channel Suppliers, Microsoft Business Solutions (MBS) Partners and Original Equipment Manufacturers.

For a list of all 2008 finalists, and more information on the Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards, please visit <http://www.microsoft.ca/awards>.

About Encore Business Solutions

Established in 1990, Encore Business Solutions Inc. is committed to helping organizations implement value-added technology and business management solutions such as; Microsoft Dynamics® GP and Microsoft Dynamics® CRM. Encore is rated in the top 5% of Microsoft resellers worldwide and is considered the largest Microsoft Dynamics GP Partner across Western Canada. Encore has earned the Microsoft Gold Certified Partner status with two competencies in Microsoft Business Solutions and Networking Infrastructure Solutions.

Built on experience, reputation and genuine commitment to customers and business partners, Encore's strength is in their ability to realize the client's full potential through new business applications, automation, integration and ongoing system reviews. For more information about Encore's products and services, visit www.encorebusiness.com.

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