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Encore Business Solutions is a Finalist in the Dynamics ISV Solution of the Year for the Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards

Microsoft Partners Program IMPACT Awards honour Microsoft's Canadian technology partners' and their commitment to customer satisfaction

WINNIPEG, Manitoba – November 2nd, 2006 **Encore Business Solutions** announced that it has been selected as a finalist in the **Dynamics ISV Solution of the Year** category at the 2006 Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards. The fourth annual Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards acknowledge the exceptional work technology partners in Canada are doing with Microsoft-based technologies and software to deliver innovative solutions and unmatched value to their customers.

“Each year, technology partners continue to raise the bar in technology innovation and reaffirm their ability to deliver specific solutions that help meet customer demand,” said Lora Gernon, Director, Partner Group, Microsoft Canada Co. “The 2006 finalists demonstrated strong expertise in a diversity of markets and the Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards celebrate the innovative solutions they developed to help drive real business growth.”

Encore Business Solutions was chosen as finalists in the Dynamics ISV Solution of the Year category for their product REAP™. REAP is a fully integrated process, material and product management solution designed to successfully manage all of the contracting, delivery, inventory and settlement processes specifically for the biofuel industries.

“We are extremely honoured to receive this recognition for REAP,” states Brent Twist, CEO of Encore. “Our highly qualified team of individuals dedicated a lot of time and effort into delivering a fully integrated ethanol solution which includes managing investor relations, plant construction or expansion, commodity procurement, lab analysis and co-products. To be one of the top three Canadian Microsoft Solution Developers nominated in the ISV Solution of the Year category is a testament to Encore’s ability to develop high quality software solutions.”

About Encore Business Solutions

Established in 1990, Encore Business Solutions Inc. is committed to developing industry-specific software and helping organizations implement value-added technology and business management solutions such as Microsoft Dynamics™ GP. As a Microsoft® Gold Certified Partner, Encore is among the elite of Microsoft’s business partners, earning their highest endorsement. In addition, Encore offers IT consulting and services to customers, as well as custom development to meet unique business processes.

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.

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 2006 finalists, and more information on the Microsoft Partner Program IMPACT Awards, please visit <http://www.microsoft.ca/awards>.

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