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**VERTEX[®] TO PROVIDE BEST-OF-CLASS SALES TAX COMPLIANCE
FUNCTIONALITY FOR ORACLE BUSINESS ONLINE[®] CUSTOMERS AS INITIAL
PREFERRED ISV AFFILIATE**

NEW YORK – Oct. 5, 1999 – Vertex Inc., the leading provider of state and local tax compliance solutions for corporations, has been chosen by Oracle Corp. (Nasdaq: ORCL) as a preferred Independent Software Vendor affiliate for Oracle’s Business OnLine[®] application hosting service. Vertex’s Quantum[™] for Sales and Use Tax is integrated with the core Oracle[®] financial applications to provide Business OnLine customers with comprehensive sales tax calculation and reporting capability, from the tracking of rates, location identification, exception management, tax calculation, and returns preparation.

According to Business OnLine executives, Vertex was selected as a preferred ISV affiliate based on its market-leading products, ability to integrate with Oracle’s Web-based applications, and delivery of timely customer support. Vertex and Oracle have more than 400 existing mutual customers through integration of Oracle applications with Vertex solutions for sales and use tax, property tax, and payroll tax compliance.

“Vertex’s selection as a preferred ISV affiliate is a natural extension of the successful relationship that Vertex and Oracle have enjoyed for the last several years,” said Chris Russell, President of Business OnLine. “As Business OnLine expands its rapidly growing service, it is important that our offering represents a full spectrum of products like Vertex’s that address specific business needs.”

“Vertex is proud to be a cornerstone of the Business OnLine ISV program,” said Jeff Westphal, Vertex president and CEO. “We see this type of partner-driven application hosting program as an important component of providing Internet-based tax compliance solutions.”

Business OnLine customers who require advanced sales tax calculation and compliance functionality will purchase access to the Quantum system that is integrated with the hosted Oracle financial applications (accounts receivable, order entry). Quantum calculates sales taxes by analyzing transaction data; determining the appropriate taxing jurisdiction; accessing a rate database that is updated monthly by Vertex to ensure its accuracy; and accounting for any customer-driven exceptions or exemptions through its Tax Decision Maker database. Customers can also prepare their sales and use tax returns automatically using Vertex’s Quantum Returns system.

More information about Vertex, its relationship with Oracle, and its products is available on the World Wide Web at www.vertexinc.com, or by calling 800/355-3500.

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