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## **Vertex and Ability Sign Integration Agreement**

*Distributors gain tax compliance advantage*

Atlanta, GA and Berwyn, PA – February 8, 2001 – Atlanta-based Ability and Berwyn-based Vertex Inc. today announce signing a multi-year marketing agreement. Ability, a leading provider of supply chain optimization software solutions to the distribution industry, will integrate ProfitAbility, its eCommerce fulfillment solution with Vertex's Quantum™ for Sales and Use Tax product. Ability customers who integrate the two solutions will buy licenses for Quantum for Sales and Use Tax directly from Vertex. The integration is scheduled for completion by the end of the year.

“The agreement with Vertex gives Ability customers the opportunity to expand their geographic reach without the increased tax administration that often accompanies growth through eCommerce initiatives,” said Jim Byrnes, President of North American Operations for Ability.

“We are looking forward to partnering with the leader in the tax compliance software industry.”

“As Ability users implement their eBusiness strategies, Vertex's integration with Ability will enable them to continue to rely on us for the most technologically robust tax compliance solutions,” said John Viglione, Vertex Chief Technology Office. “We're extremely pleased to add Ability and its expertise to our standard sales and use tax application. The real winners here are Ability customers.”

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Ability is a leading provider of supply chain optimization software solutions to the distribution industry. It helps companies drive revenues and accelerate profitability by providing specialized solutions that streamline supply chain processes, improve operational efficiencies, and enhance relationships with customers and suppliers. Ability's suite of flexible, scalable and robust supply chain solutions includes ProfitAbility, an eCommerce fulfillment solution and VizAbility, an inventory optimization system. Headquartered in Atlanta, GA, Ability is an international organization with more than 200 employees in five locations worldwide and 400 customers in 28 countries. For more information about Ability or its products, visit [www.abilitycorp.com](http://www.abilitycorp.com) or call (770) 671- 8690.

Ability is a wholly owned subsidiary of Ixchange Technology Holdings, parent company of FrontRange Solutions (formerly Goldmine Software) and the second largest reseller of Microsoft database technology worldwide.

Vertex Inc. is the leading developer of state and local tax compliance software and complementary research for sales and use tax, property tax, payroll tax, and telecommunications tax. Headquartered in Berwyn, PA, with regional offices in Chicago, Dallas, Washington and Walnut Creek, CA, Vertex develops tax compliance solutions for use in ERP, CRM and eCommerce applications. Vertex's solutions help end-users facilitate tax planning, develop tax reduction strategies, and identify other important contributions that affect a company's tax structure. Vertex is a registered trademark and Quantum is a trademark of Vertex Inc. More information: [www.vertexinc.com](http://www.vertexinc.com).

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