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**Vertex® Announces Integration to Microsoft® Commerce Server 2000**

BERWYN, Pa. – January 4, 2002 – Vertex Inc., the industry leader in state and local tax compliance solutions for corporations, announces a new integration of Quantum™ for Sales and Use Tax with Microsoft Commerce Server. This partnership between Vertex and Microsoft brings advanced tax functionality to customers using Microsoft Commerce Server 2000 to manage their e-commerce storefronts on the web.

The new Commerce Server Interface 4.0 (CSI) offers users a number of performance improvements and new capabilities from the previous integration. The latest features include: faster transaction processing, increased accuracy on taxability determination, improved reporting capabilities, and the ability to use Quantum for Sales and Use Tax Returns, Vertex's signature-ready tax returns product.

Microsoft Commerce Server 2000 is a feature-rich toolset for companies to design, develop, deploy, and manage e-commerce web sites that are customizable and scalable. With back-end tax calculation and reporting functionality provided by Vertex, Quantum for Sales and Use Tax CSI 4.0 can ultimately enhance the customer experience by providing them with accurate and timely tax information for their online purchases.

Vertex's longstanding partnership with Microsoft and proven track record of developing integrations that benefit mutual customers, was the catalyst behind developing the enhanced integration. Microsoft's personnel worked collaboratively with Vertex to develop a set of solutions designed to enhance the overall effectiveness of Quantum for Sales and Use Tax and Microsoft Commerce Server 2000 for e-commerce customers.

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**About Vertex Inc. ([www.vertexinc.com](http://www.vertexinc.com))**

Founded in 1974, Vertex Inc. is a privately held firm providing more than 10,000 corporate customers with tax compliance software and research services for sales and use tax, property tax, payroll tax, and telecommunications tax. Headquartered in Berwyn, PA, with regional offices in Chicago, Dallas, Washington D.C., and Walnut Creek, CA, Vertex develops tax compliance solutions for use in Enterprise Resource Planning, Customer Relationship Management, and e-commerce applications. Vertex's solutions help end-users facilitate tax planning, develop tax reduction strategies, and identify other important factors that affect a company's tax structure. Vertex® is a registered trademark of Vertex Inc., Quantum™ is a trademark of Vertex Inc. Microsoft® is a registered trademark of Microsoft Corporation in the United States and/or other countries.

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