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FLS and Vertex Form New Partnership

*New Alliance Brings Broader Spectrum of Tax Compliance
Tools to Employers*

DALLAS, TEXAS — June 13, 2003 — Federal Liaison Services, Inc. (FLS), a premier provider of employer compliance software and services, announced today a new partnership agreement with Vertex Inc., a leading provider of software and research services for business taxes. Vertex becomes the newest member of the FLS CHAMPS™ (Channel and Marketing Partners) alliance program of leading technology and service vendors.

The new partnership allows Vertex's customers to easily integrate payroll tax compliance services and software from FLS with their Vertex solutions. Likewise, FLS customers will be able to incorporate Vertex's solutions for business taxes with their current employer compliance software.

Vertex provides tax software and research services for every major line of business tax, including income, sales, consumer use, value added, communications, payroll and property. FLS specializes in employer compliance solutions, including software and services that automate the complex tasks of payroll tax filing and reporting. The FLS/Vertex partnership will extend the range of payroll tax compliance tools available to current customers of both companies.

"Employer compliance is a risky business," said Fran Bartlett, President and CEO of FLS. "Any mistake can lead to penalties, interest, and lost productivity. That's why employers need access to a broad network of tax solutions for employer compliance. Utilizing FLS and Vertex solutions means that employers can spend less time on compliance tasks and put more focus on their core competencies."

"The Vertex and FLS partnership is a natural fit," said Edward Wallace, VP of Corporate Business Development at Vertex. "Our goal is to streamline and simplify the taxation process for businesses, and partnering with FLS will help us to do that. Our combined solutions will provide a powerful suite of tools to address the employer's payroll tax burden."



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About Vertex Inc. (vertexinc.com)

Vertex Inc., the leading provider of tax technology solutions, serves more than 10,000 customers worldwide. Vertex solutions automate processes and enhance decision information across every major line of business tax including income, sales, consumer use, value added, communications, payroll and property. To serve its customers, Vertex works in partnership with leading software and service providers, including SAP, Oracle, Microsoft, J.D. Edwards, IBM and PeopleSoft.

Founded in 1978, Vertex is a privately held company that employs 665 professionals at its headquarters in Berwyn, PA and offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Sarasota and Washington, DC.

For more information about Vertex, visit our web site www.vertexinc.com

About Federal Liaison Services, Inc. (FLS)

FLS is the premier provider of software solutions and services to employers for government reporting and compliance. FLS solutions automate payroll tax payments and filings, wage garnishments, and year-end W-2/1099 processing. Clients include more than 400 members of the Fortune 1000 and several major government agencies. Visit FLS online at www.flsinc.com or call 972.239.8881.

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