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Vertex Tax Professional honored with IPT Distinguished Service Award

*Institute For Professionals In Taxation Recognizes Members'
Years of Service at Annual Conference in Phoenix*

Berwyn, PA June 23, 2003 – The Institute For Professionals In Taxation (IPT) has named Vertex's David Leifer as a 2003 recipient of its Distinguished Service Award. The award is given annually to IPT members who have made outstanding contributions to the organization over an extended period of time.

IPT is a non-profit educational association that is dedicated to educating, certifying and establishing strict codes of conduct for tax professionals who represent taxpayers in the areas of property and sales and use tax. North America's leading tax professionals are convening this week for IPT's 27th annual conference in Phoenix.

Leifer, currently the Director of Emerging Tax Compliance at Vertex Inc., the world's leading provider of tax technology solutions, has been a member of IPT for over 20 years. He has trained more than 2,500 tax professionals on various aspects of sales tax during his tenure as an IPT Instructor. Leifer has also served on IPT's Board of Governors and is a frequent speaker at IPT Conferences and Symposiums on topics such as Nexus Standards, Coping With Local Taxes, and Benchmarking in a Tax Department.

Billy Cook, IPT Executive Director and Tom Kuder, IPT President will present the award to Leifer tonight during the annual awards dinner. The awards program is based on nominations from fellow IPT members, with final selection being made by the IPT Board of Governors.

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