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Vertex O Series Recognized As One Of The Year's 50 Most Innovative Database Products By InfoCommerce Group

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Philadelphia, PA – August 16, 2004 – Vertex Inc., the world's leading provider of tax management solutions, announced today that the Vertex O Series has been selected by InfoCommerce Group Inc., a leading provider of consulting and research to publishers of commercial databases, as a 2004 InfoCommerce Model of Excellence.

Vertex O Series is the only tax technology platform that provides tax and IT professionals with unprecedented flexibility, automation and efficiency for processing sales, consumer use and value added tax (VAT). Vertex O Series line of products for web services environments help customers reduce costs associated with tax processing. The platform is designed to eventually support tax processing and electronic tax remittance for every major tax type, delivering an integrated suite of solutions that share a common interface and integrate with major financial and billing systems. The latest version, Vertex O Series 2.1, addresses the need for faster and more accurate global transaction tax processing with a host of new features.

"Vertex is honored to receive this award as a demonstration of the success of Vertex O Series products for sales, consumer use, and value added tax," said Jeff Westphal, President and CEO of Vertex. "As a Model of Excellence, the Vertex O Series represents Vertex's mission to improve tax processes through innovative software and services that help make taxation less time-consuming and more cost-effective for customers."

InfoCommerce Models of Excellence are database products selected by InfoCommerce Group throughout the year. According to Russell Perkins, president of InfoCommerce Group, the defining characteristic for each is that it combines top-quality data with world-class software.

"Vertex O Series platform represents a powerful example of how tremendous value is added when a data provider marries content with tools that streamline integration into customer business processes," said Russell Perkins, President of InfoCommerce, "Vertex has wisely stayed with open Web standards to speed this integration, while delivering a common product platform that allows customers to address multiple tax compliance issues through a single piece of software. Best of all, Vertex O Series provides central administration capabilities, so that all business units can run off common regulatory compliance rules, simplifying management, reporting and administration."

The InfoCommerce Models of Excellence list includes products produced by both online publishers and old line print-based publishers. The online publishers have the clean slate advantage, allowing them to design a product without having to accommodate an existing base of business. The print-based publishers have to innovate to preserve their core value proposition.

Select InfoCommerce Models of Excellence products will be showcased at the annual InfoCommerce 2004 Conference, September 26-28 in Philadelphia.

For more information about Vertex O Series and how it can be integrated into a business, contact a Vertex Sales Representative at 800-355-3500. You can also learn more by visiting the Vertex web site at www.vertexinc.com.

ABOUT VERTEX INC.

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, IBM and PeopleSoft.

Founded in 1978, Vertex is a privately held company that employs 600 professionals at its headquarters in Berwyn, PA and offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Sarasota and Washington, DC.

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The InfoCommerce Group provides consulting and research to its clients -- publishers of commercial databases from nearly 30 companies in seven countries, ranging from multi-nationals, to Internet start-ups, to family-owned publishers. InfoCommerce Group also publishes InfoCommerce Report - the influential monthly print newsletter - as well as a growing list of books and special reports. It produces the annual InfoCommerce Conference and the InfoCommerce Models of Excellence list and also identifies opportunities and coordinates investments in early-stage database content companies. For more information on InfoCommerce Group please visit <http://www.infocommercegroup.com>, or call 610-649-1200, extension 252.