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### **Vertex Recognizes Innovative Tax Departments at Annual Customer Conference**

*Vertex Exchange exhibits customers' original tax strategies and educates tax professionals on new sales and use taxes in Puerto Rico*

BERWYN, Pa., November 02, 2007—Vertex Inc., a leading provider of tax technology solutions, recently announced the winners of its 2007 Corporate Tax Innovation Awards, an annual program that promotes awareness and encourages adoption of best tax practices among corporate tax professionals. The awards were presented at Vertex's annual customer conference, Vertex Exchange, the largest gathering of corporate tax professionals in the U.S., held October 22-24 in Orlando, Fla.

Vertex honored four companies with Corporate Tax Innovation Awards in four categories for their outstanding solutions to tax management process issues using Vertex products and services:

**Category: Income Tax**  
**Concentra**

**Category: Transaction Tax**  
**TETRA Technologies, Inc.**

**Category: International Tax**  
**Univar NV**

**Category: Design Partner**  
**Nestle Holdings, Inc.**

**Honorable Mention:**  
**Vulcan Information Packaging, a division of EBSCO Industries**  
**EPCO, Inc.**  
**WS Packaging Group, Inc.**

Additional highlights of the conference include a presentation by Carlos E. Serrano, Esq., CPA, Assistant Secretary, Puerto Rico Treasury Department; and Carolyn L. Elerson, CMI, Manager, Sales and Use Taxes, FedEx Corporate Services, on the new state and local sales and use tax in Puerto Rico. In this session, Vertex customers learned how the

tax is imposed; how to collect and report it; how audits will be conducted; and how multinational corporations are dealing with the jurisdictional compliance requirements that will affect Puerto Rico-based customers and operations.

With over 150 sessions divided into six focused concentrations, the over 700 tax and IT professionals at the conference were able to hone their skills on Vertex products, learn more about the issues their industry colleagues face, and participate in open discussions, panels and networking events. Next year, Vertex is heading out west to host Vertex Exchange 2008 at the San Diego Hotel & Marina in San Diego, California. The conference will kick off on October 19 and conclude on October 22.

### **ABOUT VERTEX INC.**

With nearly 30 years of experience, Vertex Inc. is the leading provider of advanced tax technology solutions, delivering products and process management services to customers worldwide.

Vertex solutions help companies streamline tax compliance processes and leverage information to discover new strategic tax savings. In addition, they enhance decision information across every major line of business tax, including income, sales, consumer use, value added, communications, and payroll. To serve its customers, Vertex works in partnership with the world's leading providers of ERP software and related services.

Founded in 1978, Vertex is a privately held company that employs over 600 professionals at its headquarters in the U.S. (Berwyn, PA) and Europe (London), and its offices in Atlanta, Dallas, Phoenix, Sarasota, and Washington, DC.

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