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## **Vertex CEO Jeff Westphal Earns Coveted Eastern Technology Council Enterprise Award**

*Recognized as Technology CEO of the Year at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual awards gala celebrating the Philadelphia region's technology and life sciences leaders.*

**Berwyn, PA -- December 7, 2009** – Jeff Westphal, CEO of Vertex Inc., the leading provider of enterprise corporate tax solutions, was named 2009 Technology CEO of the Year at the 17<sup>th</sup> annual Eastern Technology Council Enterprise Awards last evening in Philadelphia. The annual event, celebrating the vitality of greater Philadelphia's technology and life sciences communities, is the marquee business awards ceremony in the region.

The annual black tie gala draws hundreds of business leaders and executives, and features competitive awards in eight categories. Finalists and winners are selected from judging panels comprised of leaders in the technology and life sciences communities.

“It is an honor to be recognized by other technology executives in the region,” said Westphal. “I see this as a ‘Vertex’ award that acknowledges the efforts and expertise of all our employees.”

As President and CEO of Vertex, Jeff Westphal spearheads the strategy and direction as the global leader in corporate tax performance management solutions. He joined the company, founded by his father, Ray Westphal, in 1988. During his tenure, he has served as Director of Marketing, Vice President of Sales and Marketing, and later as Executive Vice President. He was promoted to President in 1996 and Chief Executive Officer in 2001.

Under Jeff's stewardship, Vertex has established consulting and implementation service offerings, and expanded to serve global clients by establishing European Union operations. Vertex was awarded "The Best Place to Work in Pennsylvania" in 2001 and 2002. Vertex is headquartered in the U.S. (Berwyn, PA)

with offices in Europe (London), Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix, San Francisco, Sarasota, and Washington, DC.

In accepting his Enterprise Award, Jeff acknowledged the more than 650 Vertex employees whose vision and dedication have fueled the company's rapid ascent as a global market leader and trusted advisor to hundreds of companies.

The judging criteria for CEO of the Year included the CEO's management accomplishments and philosophy; the communication for a vision and goals; leadership and impact in industry; ability to attract and retain talented resources; company milestones, including financial accomplishments; and a strategy for continued company success. More information about the Enterprise Awards, including this year's nominees, winners, and the judging panels, is available at [www.easterntechnologycouncil.com](http://www.easterntechnologycouncil.com).

#### **ABOUT VERTEX INC.**

With more than 30 years of experience, Vertex Inc. is the leading provider of enterprise corporate tax solutions and process management services worldwide.

Vertex solutions help companies streamline and integrate tax provision and compliance processes, and leverage information to discover new strategic tax savings 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 more than 650 professionals at its headquarters in the U.S. (Berwyn, PA) and its offices in Europe (London), Atlanta, Chicago, Dallas, Phoenix, San Francisco, Sarasota, and Washington, DC.

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