CBOSS RENEWS GOLD CERTIFIED PARTNER STATUS IN MICROSOFT PARTNER PROGRAM

CBOSS Earns New Microsoft Competencies in Custom Development Solutions and Hosting Solutions

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BOARDMAN, Ohio – CBOSS today announced that it has renewed its Gold Certified Partner status in the Microsoft Partner Program and earned new competencies in **Custom Development Solutions – Web Development** and **Hosting Solutions**, recognizing CBOSS' expertise and impact in these specific areas of the technology marketplace.

As one of the very few Gold Certified Partners based in the Mahoning Valley, CBOSS continues to demonstrate its expertise with Microsoft technologies and a proven ability to meet customers' needs. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners receive a rich set of benefits, including access, training and support, giving them a competitive advantage in the channel.

CBOSS designs and develops and hosts web-based solutions and services for business process and workflow automation, web portals and content management solutions, and hosting services. In 2008, the company earned, and this year renewed, its competencies in **Data Management Solutions** and **Service-oriented Architecture (SOA) and Business Process Solutions**.

"We are extremely pleased to have earned Gold Certified Partner status in these two new competencies within the Microsoft Partner Program. This allows us to clearly promote our expertise and relationship with Microsoft to our customers," said Jenny Hammond, director of operations. "The benefits provided through our Gold Certified Partner status will allow us to continue to enhance the offerings that we provide to customers."

Said Allison Watson, corporate vice president of the Worldwide Partner Group at Microsoft Corp: "Customers are looking for partner companies that can bridge the gap between their business demands and technology capabilities. They need to trust in a

company that can act as an expert adviser for their long-term strategic technology plans. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners, which have certified expertise and direct training and support from Microsoft, can build a positive customer experience with our technologies."

As one of the requirements for attaining Gold Certified Partner status, CBOSS had to declare one or more Microsoft Competencies. Microsoft Competencies are designed to help differentiate a partner's capabilities with specific Microsoft technologies to customers looking for a particular type of solution. Each Competency has a unique set of requirements and benefits, formulated to accurately represent the specific skills and services that partners bring to the technology industry. Within select Competencies, there are Specializations that focus on specific solution areas that recognize deeper expertise within that Competency.

Competency: Custom Development Solutions – Web Development

The Custom Development Solutions competency is designed for partners that specialize in demand generation, technical and sales learning opportunities, and early adopter initiatives across Microsoft developer technologies, with an emphasis on Microsoft Visual Studio 2005. These partners deliver focused value for specific communities through Application Infrastructure Development, Smart Client Development and Web Development. CBOSS' specialization is Web Development.

Competency: Hosting Solutions

The Hosting Solutions Competency is designed for partners that have proven proficiencies in developing hosting solutions based on Microsoft solutions. This competency is vital as partner-hosted services play a key role in how customers utilize Microsoft software.

Competency: Data Management Solutions

The Data Management Solutions Competency is designed for partners that have proven their competency in end-to-end data-management reporting and analysis solutions based on Microsoft technologies, including Microsoft SQL Server, Windows

Server, and Microsoft Office System client tools. These partners have also proven expertise in implementing solutions focused on delivering migration tools and services, database- administration tools and services, and performance tools using SQL Server technology.

Competency: SOA and Business Process

The SOA and Business Process Competency is for systems integrators, solutions and services providers, and software developers with proven proficiency in implementing and deploying integrated, interoperable, and agile solutions that connect information, systems, people, and processes.

The Microsoft Partner Program was launched in October 2003 and represents Microsoft's ongoing commitment to the success of partners worldwide. The program offers a single, integrated partnering framework that recognizes partner expertise, rewards the total impact that partners have in the technology marketplace. CBOSS has been a Microsoft Partner since 2003.

About CBOSS

From enterprise software solutions to managed services, CBOSS specializes in the design and implementation of portal solutions for e-payment processing, workflow automation and content management using industry-standard platforms and tools. Since 1994, over 700 businesses and government agencies have looked to CBOSS to deliver feature-rich services and solutions that are cost-effective, reliable and secure. CBOSS is certified by the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI-DSS) offering the industry's highest level of data security for e-commerce and other e-payment processing services. CBOSS is a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner. Visit us at www.CBOSS.com and www.ArchITechCMS.com.

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