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Austin Software Foundry completes sale of Professional and Educational Services Divisions

Austin, Texas April 23, 1999 – Austin Software Foundry (“ASF”) today announced the sale of its Austin-based Professional Services division and its Houston-based Educational Services division to Noblestar Systems Corporation of Reston, Virginia. These divisions of ASF provide education, mentoring and project delivery services for distributed object-oriented applications to Fortune 1000 companies throughout the United States and the United Kingdom. These divisions will now operate as Noblestar Texas.

Austin Software Foundry will retain its Engineering Services division in Austin including all ASF intellectual property, proprietary software, educational courseware and original development methodologies and processes.

Noblestar offers custom application and E-commerce development consulting in a broad range of technologies and a full line of ERP implementation services. The acquired ASF divisions work with clients to establish and implement new application development processes, methodologies and technologies in the web, distributed, and object-oriented development environments. The combination of these approaches forms an ideal partnership, with services spanning the full application development life cycle.

The two firms share many business practices and have several common business partners such as Rational Software Corporation, Sybase, and BEA. “Both Noblestar and Austin Software Foundry have been Rational Partners for over four years. We are very encouraged by the recent acquisition and believe that this combination now represents an organization that has years of experience consulting on, and implementing, our full life cycle of development products.” said Kevin Kernan, Vice President of Field and Partner Marketing for Rational Software Corporation.

Paul Pocialik, Chief Technology Officer of Noblestar said, “Our strategy has been to grow from within. However, this acquisition provides Noblestar an entry point into a market that we believe has tremendous growth potential. We have followed ASF for years and they have an excellent reputation in the marketplace. We are pleased to have their educational and professional services groups as part of the Noblestar team.”

About Austin Software Foundry

ASF provides object-oriented and distributed solutions through advanced application development best practices, technologies and solution delivery. ASF has offices in Houston and Austin with advanced training centers offering a curriculum that includes its own object-oriented courses as well as partner training for Rational Software Corporation, Sybase, and BEA. ASF has developed a national reputation as a strategic partner of Rational Software, Powersoft Corporation and Sybase Corporation during the emergence of object-oriented software development and the client/server computing platform. ASF has been a Domain Contributing member of the Object Management Group since 1993 and has pioneered certain techniques for developing business application software in a distributed or Internet environment. ASF has also authored ground breaking courseware on the application of object-oriented and component-based techniques to the architectural design of custom business and e-commerce application software, and on the development processes required for software development teams to be successful using those techniques. ASF's original courseware has been taught worldwide by both Powersoft Corporation and Sybase Corporation, and internally by a number of Fortune 1000 companies.

Additional Austin Software Foundry information is available at www.foundry.com

About Noblestar

Headquartered in Reston, VA, Noblestar specializes in high impact custom application development, package implementation (PeopleSoft, Baan, Oracle, SAP, Vantive), and technology infrastructure enablement. The company provides distributed, open software solutions for the public and private sector. These high-performance, end-to-end solutions encompass client/server, Internet and Intranet transaction processing, mobile computing and business intelligence applications. The 500 person firm has offices throughout the United States and Europe.

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