



SynQuest Announces Support for IBM WebSphere Application Server

IBM e-Infrastructure Software Offers Ability to Transact Business in a Mixed-Vendor Environment

Norcross, GA - August 20, 2001 -- SynQuest (Nasdaq: SYNQ) today announced its support of the IBM WebSphere* Application Server. WebSphere provides full Java2™ Enterprise Edition (J2EE) compliant application server services and the leading support for Web Services in support of supply chain planning and collaboration software such as those provided by SynQuest.

With this relationship, SynQuest has teamed with IBM to develop SynQuest solutions for WebSphere running on the IBM eServer line and also with IBM Global Services to implement SynQuest solutions. Leveraging IBM technology, SynQuest is delivering a comprehensive supply chain planning solution for automotive and industrial manufacturers with complex logistics networks.

"Working with companies like SynQuest to provide complementary solutions for IBM WebSphere software is part of our commitment to deliver leading-edge e-business integration solutions," said Scott Hebner, director, WebSphere Application Server and Application Development Tools for IBM. "SynQuest's use of IBM WebSphere as the basis for its e-business architecture will provide its customers with an open platform to connect disparate systems and the scalability desired for future growth."

"IBM WebSphere provides a highly scalable and production-ready infrastructure for SynQuest to integrate into our collaborative supply chain planning solution," said Tim Harvey, president of SynQuest. "Technologies like WebSphere offer a sophisticated solution for managing customers, partners and employee relationships for maximum profitability and customer service."

About IBM's (NYSE: IBM) WebSphere Software

WebSphere is Internet infrastructure software -- known as middleware -- that enables companies to develop, deploy and integrate next-generation e-business applications, such as those for business-to-business e-commerce. WebSphere supports business applications from simple Web publishing through enterprise-scale transaction processing. WebSphere transforms the way businesses manage customer, partner and employee relationships. More information about the WebSphere software platform is on the Web at <http://www.ibm.com/websphere>.

About SynQuest

SynQuest, Inc. specializes in providing supply chain planning software to maximize profit and optimize service for companies with complex logistics networks. SynQuest software uses financially focused technology to solve specific supply chain problems for target markets including automotive and industrial manufacturers. The company's supply chain planning solutions feature rapid implementation for fast, compelling return on investment. SynQuest is a registered trademark of SynQuest, Inc., Atlanta, GA. For more information, call 1-800-844-3228 or visit www.synquest.com.

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