

Microsoft recognizes Peter & Associates as Small and Mid-market Solutions and Partners Group 2006 Midwest Area Partner of the Year

CHICAGO— October 4, 2006—Microsoft today announced Peters & Associates has won the Partner of the Year Award for Microsoft's Small and Mid-market Solutions and Partners (SMS&P) group for the Midwest Area.

“We are more than delighted to be awarded the SMS&P Midwest Area Partner of the Year award,” said Tom Wiesman, Co-President, at Peter & Associates. “In the information technology industry, companies need to be able to provide solutions utilizing the latest technologies. We strive to offer our clients only the very best and to do so we must remain educated about the latest technological innovations.”

The SMS&P Midwest Area Partner of the Year award recognizes Microsoft Registered, Certified and Gold Certified partners that have delivered exemplary solutions for their customers during the past year. Peters & Associates maintained a solid track record for providing Microsoft customers with high-quality services and earned Microsoft's Partner of the Year award by their participation in numerous partner advisor councils and early adopter programs as well as numerous competitive wins in the greater Chicago market.

“The past year has been unparalleled in terms of the level of innovative solutions Microsoft Partners have developed and delivered to our mutual customers,” said Mike Porter, Midwest Area general manager for Microsoft's SMS&P group. “Those at Peters & Associates have set themselves apart from an extremely competitive field, and we applaud them for this well-deserved victory. Their achievement is exemplary of the kind of vision that will help take us beyond the solutions of today to realize the full potential of technology in business.”

About Peters & Associates

Founded in 1981 as a family-owned business located in Elmhurst, IL, Peters & Associates is recognized as one of the most well-established companies in the design and integration industry. Peters & Associates is a Microsoft Gold Partner in Advanced Infrastructure, Network Infrastructure, Security Solutions, Information Worker, Customer Development, and Licensing Solutions. Peters & Associates was named Microsoft National VAR Partner of the Year for 2005, and has vast experience in project management, directory solutions, security, mobile computing, and messaging systems, delivering scalable infrastructure solutions in a predictable manner with an emphasis on security and reliability. For more information, please contact Richard Opal – richard.opal@peters.com or visit <http://www.peters.com>.

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