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Progress Software Recognized as a Leader in Enterprise Service Bus Technology by Independent Research Firm

Progress Sonic ESB Received Highest Score for Product Architecture, Orchestration and Strategic Alliances

BEDFORD, MA -- (MARKET WIRE) -- 05/06/11 -- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading software provider that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive, today announced it has been cited by Forrester Research as a leader in "The Forrester Wave™: Enterprise Service Bus, Q2 2011" report published April 25, 2011. Significantly, the Progress® Sonic® Enterprise Service Bus (ESB) received a score of 4.78 out of a possible 5.00 points for "current offering." The report's findings were based on a 109-criteria evaluation of both commercial and open source ESB vendors, including the Progress Sonic ESB 8.0 product released in April 2010.

In the report, the Progress Sonic ESB 8.0 received Forrester's highest score, 5.0, for product architecture and orchestration as well as "strategic alliances." Additionally, Progress was listed in the report as one of a select group of vendors who are leaders in both the Forrester ESB and Comprehensive Integration Solution Waves, "thus garnering the top position in the integration software provider market."

Hub Vandervoort, chief technology officer, enterprise infrastructure at Progress Software, said: "We're honored that Forrester Research has named us an ESB leader. With Sonic 8, the Progress ESB gives users a 'best of both worlds' scenario. Advanced RESTful services capabilities bring together the benefits of open source development with the robust enterprise capabilities that have enabled Sonic to become a market leader. This latest release advances the state-of-the-art in SOA and enterprise integration by combining the ease-of-use and flexibility of an open model with Sonic's patented Continuous Availability Architecture and unmatched multi-site operations management and deployment capabilities. This enables global, federated businesses to capitalize on new opportunities, drive greater efficiencies, and reduce risk with the most agile, effective and reliable messaging infrastructure in the market."

Many of the world's most demanding enterprises and government organizations rely on the Progress Sonic ESB product as the backbone of their enterprise integration or SOA implementation, including: AutoTrader; BAA Heathrow; ProFlowers; and Tarrant County, TX.

About Progress Software Corporation
Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) is an enterprise software company that enables businesses to be operationally responsive to changing conditions and customer interactions as they occur -- to capitalize on new opportunities, drive greater efficiencies and reduce risk. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of best-in-class enterprise software spanning event-driven visibility and real-time response, open integration, data access and integration, and application development and deployment -- all supporting on-premises and SaaS/Cloud deployments. Progress maximizes the benefits of operational responsiveness while minimizing IT complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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