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## **Progress Software's Colleen Smith Named One of the Top 100 Women in the Channel by Everything Channel's CRN Magazine**

BEDFORD, MA, Aug 09, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading software infrastructure provider that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive, announced today that Colleen Smith, vice president of SaaS, was honored by Everything Channel's CRN Magazine as one of the top 100 Women in the Channel for the second consecutive year. Honorees are selected by editors at the magazine based on their influence within the industry and executive achievements.

Smith was also named a Rising Star in CRN's Women in the Channel feature in 2007, as well as being named Channel Chief multiple times by the publication. In her position, she has initiated and managed key programs for empowering ISVs through business model consultation and other enablement efforts. Her contributions have helped Progress grow its SaaS business by 20 percent this year. Through Smith's leadership, Progress continues to develop services and applications that add more value to the ISV ecosystem and allow partners to work more closely with Progress to develop impactful business and application deployment strategies.

"Through Colleen's stewardship, Progress has introduced new programs, certified platforms like Amazon EC2 and has already begun looking towards the future to help Progress Application Partners accelerate the adoption of emerging technologies for SaaS and cloud deployments. These programs provide our ISVs with the necessary skills and information required to make informed decisions about how best to compete in this growing and constantly changing market," said Bob Palumbo, vice president of partner development for Progress Software. "We applaud CRN for recognizing Colleen's contributions to the channel and recognizing the advances successful women like her are making in our industry."

"It is exciting to see that business cultures have changed to include women executives reaching the highest levels of a wide range of dynamic industry leading technology companies," said Kelley Damore, vice president and editorial director at Everything Channel. "We are delighted to honor Colleen and the other influential women for their impactful contributions to the IT industry and community."

"We are very proud that Colleen has once again been recognized for her successes in helping drive business at Progress," said Richard D. Reidy, president and CEO of Progress Software. "Colleen has helped build one of the most facilitative partner communities in technology today, key to our leadership position in the areas of software-as-a-service and cloud enablement."

Mrs. Smith and the other Top 100 Women in the Channel will be featured in the July issue of CRN and the Women of the Channel Winter Workshop conference that will be held in December.

Progress Software Corporation Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) is a global software company that enables enterprises 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 infrastructure 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 <http://www.progress.com> or +1-781-280-4000.

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