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Independent Research Firm Recognizes Progress(R) Sonic(R) ESB as a Leader in Enterprise Service Bus Market

Progress Receives Highest Score for Both Current Offering and Strategy

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--Jan. 27, 2009--[Progress Software Corporation](#) (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading provider of application infrastructure software to develop, deploy, integrate and manage business applications, announced today that Forrester Research, Inc. named [Progress® Sonic® ESB](#) as a leader in the [enterprise service bus \(ESB\)](#) market with top scores in the current offering and strategy dimensions of "The Forrester Wave™: Enterprise Service Buses, Q1 2009" Report.

The Forrester Research report evaluated the strengths and weaknesses of 10 top commercial and [open source ESB](#) vendors based on a comprehensive set of evaluation criteria. The report found that Progress Sonic ESB:

- | "...sports the broadest set of out-of-the-box availability options; its internal software clustering provides no-rollback continuation of processing in the face of messaging node failures while at the same time meeting state-of-the-art performance levels for persistent messaging."
- | "...has among the strongest set of capabilities to support geographic scalability of the ESB across a large number of nodes and physical locations."
- | "...has broad support for runtime protocols, connectivity options, mediation capabilities, security, and service monitoring and management."
- | "has the most comprehensive out-of-the-box support for developing and supporting both lightweight and BPEL orchestrations."

Ken Rugg, vice president and general manager, Integration Infrastructure, Progress Software, said: "This report echoes the feedback we receive from our customers, who acknowledge the tremendous competitive value they gain when using the Sonic ESB. We introduced the world's first ESB product and are proud that Forrester has named Sonic ESB a leader. Customers demand more from their IT infrastructure, especially in today's challenging economic environment: uninterrupted flow of business-critical transactions, richer functionality, higher availability, out of the box usability, and the capability to manage multi-site deployments as easily as a single data center."

"The Sonic ESB enables us to build an integrated, agile architecture with its standardized messaging capabilities," says Jan Vink, CIO and director of IT for BGN. "With the Sonic ESB, we can manage the ever-increasing velocity of our business, supporting new customers and growing our store presence both geographically and online."

To download a copy of "The Forrester Wave™: Enterprise Service Buses, Q1 2009," visit: <http://www.progress.com>.

Sonic ESB is a messaging-based enterprise service bus that simplifies the integration and flexible re-use of business applications within a SOA. Sonic ESB eliminates the rigidity and fragility of point-to-point integration with a robust, event-driven architecture that can evolve, scale and extend throughout the enterprise.

About Progress Software Corporation

Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) provides application infrastructure software for the development, deployment, integration and management of business applications. Our goal is to maximize the benefits of information technology while minimizing its complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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