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Aster Group and Decision First Technologies Announce Strategic Partnership

Leading SAP® BusinessObjects™ Solution Provider Partners Combine Efforts to Deliver Unified Go-to-Market Strategy for Performance Management and Business Intelligence

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Aster Group and Decision First, two leading SAP® BusinessObjects™ solution provider partners, will be announcing a strategic partnership to deliver a unified go-to-market strategy encompassing both performance management and business intelligence (BI). Together the two companies can provide customers with a more complete offering to help optimize customers' business performance.

"With the convergence of performance management and BI in the marketplace, it only made sense for Aster and Decision First to join forces," affirms Taylor Courtney, president of Decision First.

Aster Group is one of the leading consultancies in the U.S. supporting implementations of the SAP BusinessObjects Planning and Consolidation application, an SAP BusinessObjects enterprise performance management solution which helps organizations more effectively plan, budget, forecast, analyze, and report on financial data. Decision First is a leading business intelligence company in the U.S. and has been named the SAP BusinessObjects Solution Provider Partner of the Year, U.S., five years in a row.

"The teaming of Decision First and Aster Group is great for our clients," states Richard Cobb, president of Aster Group. "They can contract with one company to meet all of their business intelligence and performance management needs."

A combined Aster-Decision First team offers a national coverage model for end-to-end business intelligence and performance management.

"Decision First and Aster Group are both award-winning SAP partners," said Tom Cooper, senior vice president, SME, SAP. "The alliance between these two companies demonstrates the strength that our ecosystem can deliver to drive additional value to our joint customers."

The announcement will be made at SAPPHIRE® 2009, being held in Orlando May 11-14, where Aster Group is exhibiting in booth 444.

About Aster Group

Aster Group is a leading business and technology consulting firm specializing in the SAP BusinessObjects Planning and Consolidation application. Aster's team of finance experts has built over 300 business planning and consolidation applications for more than 130 clients throughout the United States and Canada.

More information available at <http://www.astergroup.com/>.

About Decision First Technologies

Decision First Technologies (DFT) is a platinum reseller of SAP Business Objects software. Headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia with branch offices in Birmingham, AL, Baltimore, MD, Dallas, TX, and Cape Coral, FL, DFT has been named the top SAP BusinessObjects Solution Provider Partner in the U.S. for 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

DFT takes pride in being an SAP BusinessObjects authorized education partner and a gold-level partner in the SAP Consulting Partner Program for North America. Our customized installation, training and mentoring services combined with the power of SAP BusinessObjects solutions helps ensure the success of BI solutions. DFT is able to deliver Best Practices in the deployment of SAP BusinessObjects solutions.

DFT also provides a data warehousing consulting practice that includes end-to-end data warehouse services, such as strategy setting, project scoping, source system analysis, data profiling, data modeling, ETL design— all architected to further maximize SAP BusinessObjects solutions.

DFT also specializes in Location Intelligence and can bring the “where” in business intelligence out of clients' data.

More information available at <http://www.decisionfirst.com/>.

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