

Press Release

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BRIDGEFORWARD SOFTWARE AND QUICKSILVA SOFTWARE SOLUTIONS ANNOUNCE A PARTNERSHIP TO FOCUS ON SEAMLESS CONNECTIVITY SOLUTIONS FOR HEALTHCARE

LONDON – OCTOBER 24, 2006 –BridgeForward Software, a leading application integration and data migration software company and Quicksilva Software Solutions, a leading supplier of spine connectivity solutions and services to the healthcare industry, today announced that they have established a joint partnership to provide seamless application integration solutions from simple departmental application integration to connectivity to the spine.

Under the partnership announced today, each company will offer each other's solutions, providing Trusts, SHAs, LSPs and private sector healthcare providers with a one-stop source of powerful, affordable and proven application integration solutions.

BridgeForward's ClearSpan Server™ technology (formerly called e-Biz 2000) is the most installed interface engine in UK healthcare. More than 250 UK hospitals and 860 GP offices rely on ClearSpan Server™ to provide the application integration necessary to make "best-of-breed" solutions work. Platformed on Windows, ClearSpan Server™ is the only integration engine that natively supports "non-invasive integration" allowing its users to integrate even the most difficult legacy systems.

Quicksilva's Spinal Tap is an integration tool that allows healthcare providers to seamlessly and quickly plug into the Spine, the corporate data backbone of the NHS. The application enables healthcare systems to meet the compliance requirements of Connecting for Health's (CfH) Programme that defines how applications must communicate with the NHS Spine. Spinal Tap handles the complexity behind the system integration required by the CfH Programme. It enables any form of communications (LDAP, SOAP, ebXML) from healthcare IT systems to interact with the NHS Spine by acting as an intelligent hub to interpret the HL7 message format that carries patient data into the NHS Spine.

Gina Stradis, BridgeForward's vice president for EMEA added, "by partnering with Quicksilva, our customers in both the NHS and the private sector can now avail themselves of the best interface engine, data migration and spine connectivity solution all from a single, trusted supplier. Everybody benefits."

Gayna Hart, managing director of Quicksilva said, "we are delighted to be working in partnership with BridgeForward Software. ClearSpan Server is a proven, well established interface engine solution in UK healthcare and its unique and flexible characteristics compliment our Spinal Tap offering."

Right-sized and right-priced, BridgeForward's ClearSpan Server™ is optimized for Trust-level integration of departmental applications and data migration, but is equally appropriate for enterprise deployments – ClearSpan Server™ is deployed nationally by NHS Scotland as the integration layer for SCI-Store. ClearSpan Server™ provides easy-to-use legacy system access; user-friendly Adapters; drag-and-drop data mapping, and a rules-based message engine, all optimised for use by hospitals, GP offices, NHS Trusts and SHAs.

Quicksilva's Spinal Tap solution has undergone compliance testing to enable IT systems held within pharmacies and GPs to achieve compliance with the first release of the Electronic Prescriptions Service (EPS). As part of the CfH Programme, Spinal Tap acts as a system interface to facilitate the electronic transfer of prescriptions, the dispensing of notifications and transmission of reimbursement claims between GPs, Dispensers and the Prescription Pricing Authority.

About BridgeForward

With more than 1,200 healthcare installs in the UK and 2,200 installs worldwide, BridgeForward Software Inc. (www.bridgeforward.net) is a leading provider of application integration solutions in the UK, US and Canada. BridgeForward's award-winning ClearSpan Server™ technology provides, a suite of right-sized, right priced integration tools for the rapid integration of legacy as well as Web-based applications. The Windows-based integration suite provides NHS Trusts, SHAs, LSPs, private healthcare institutions; ISV's and systems integrators with a proven, stable and easy-to-use integration and data migration platform. BridgeForward also provides turn-key integration services. BridgeForward Software licenses its products to end-users, ISVs, OEMs and qualified resellers. For more information about BridgeForward Software products please go to: www.bridgeforward.net or call: 07767 498518.

About Quicksilva

Quicksilva is an independent UK supplier of systems and services to healthcare professionals including pharmacies, GPs, dentists, opticians, PCTs and other health product/service suppliers. Quicksilva delivers HL7 tools and HL7 messaging applications, bespoke systems for choosing and booking appointments and CfH compliant integrations with the NPfIT Data Spine. GP surgeries also benefit from Quicksilva's expertise in building secure websites which help practices meet growing patient list demands.

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