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Excelsior Software Receives Double Honors in the 21st Annual SIIA Codie Competition

Pinnacle Plus and District Data Analyzer named finalists in educational award categories

GREELEY, COLO. (January 25, 2006) – Schools need the ability to collect and report meaningful student data in a timely manner. Excelsior Software supplies educators with the tools needed to make productive, information-based decisions in the classroom each day to help meet the many challenges of the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act. The company's Pinnacle Plus System and District Data Analyzer (DDA) have been recognized for their impact in the educational community, earning honors in the prestigious Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) Codie Awards Competition.

Excelsior's Pinnacle Plus System was named a finalist in the "Best Student Information System or Gradebook" category, and District Data Analyzer was named a finalist in the "Best Solution for Education Enterprise" category.

About the 21st Annual Codie Award Competition

The Codie Awards hold the distinction of being the only peer-recognition awards program of its kind in the industry, providing a unique opportunity for companies to earn the praise of their competitors. The Codie Awards program, is the standard-bearer for celebrating outstanding achievement and vision in the software industry. Following the Finalist Review Program, the winners will be announced at the 21st Annual Codie Awards Gala on May 16, 2006, at Universal Studios Globe Theater in Universal City, Calif. For more information, visit www.siiacom.

About Excelsior Software

Excelsior Software is committed to raising student achievement by providing immediate access to performance information, increasing teacher productivity, and improving communication. As the pioneer of the electronic gradebook concept in 1986, Excelsior's experience in assessment management supports educators by delivering the technical innovations that meet the needs of today's evolving data-driven educational system. The company's Pinnacle Plus software solution automatically tracks and reports student progress and attendance data to educators and parents at the individual, group, class, school, and district levels. Currently, Excelsior works with educators in more than 850 districts, and its Pinnacle Plus solution is the sole student assessment software product endorsed by the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development (ASCD). Excelsior remains privately owned by its original founders, with company headquarters in Greeley, Colo. For more information, visit www.excelsiorsoftware.com or phone 1-800-473-4572.