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CONIX Systems, Inc. and Software Corporation International Announce Strategic Relationship

CHARLOTTE, NORTH CAROLINA, December 1, 2003--- CONIX Systems, Inc. (CONIX) and Software Corporation International (SCI) announced today the formation of a strategic alliance that will leverage the core strengths of each company and provide expanded payment solutions to the financial services marketplace.

Under this agreement, CONIX and SCI will work together in the areas of software development, professional services, web-based training, and production support outsourcing. The agreement also designates SCI as a CONIX Certified Service Provider and will facilitate the training and certification of SCI consultants on CONIX solutions. Individual consultants will be able to attain Certified Service Consultant status when they complete an extensive certification process, which is designed to ensure CONIX's customers that SCI is retaining qualified consultants to install and test CONIX products. On-going training and testing will ensure that the certified consultants' skills remain current.

Frank Stokes, President, CONIX Technology Group, said, "This alliance unites the considerable resources of a leading payments software provider with those of a leading services provider. The new relationship will allow us to provide extraordinary service to our customers that is second to none. In addition, SCI provides access to top development talent, enabling CONIX to quickly respond to customer needs by bringing new software products to market more rapidly. I am excited about our relationship with SCI and the additional benefits it will provide to our clients."

D. Keith Sides, SCI Group Vice President, noted that "This relationship leverages the historical strengths of both companies and provides immediate benefits to the marketplace. Certifying our consultants on CONIX applications will provide SCI clients with increased levels of support and expanded professional service offerings. Under this agreement, CONIX and SCI will also offer our clients unmatched transaction processing outsourcing options. Today, selective outsourcing has become a strategic business tool," Sides added, "and we believe the outsourcing of production support for transaction processing operations is a key growth area."

About CONIX

CONIX Systems, Inc. provides item-processing solutions to financial institutions by combining high-performance software and related consulting, training, and implementation services. CONIX mainframe and server software offerings provide major banks with enhanced operational capabilities in sort pattern management, balancing, transit item processing, workflow control and evaluation, systems maintenance and testing, and electronic check processing for both paper and image environments. CONIX Systems, Inc. is headquartered in Manchester Center, Vermont, with sales, support, and development offices throughout the United States. CONIX can be reached at 800-332-1899 and at their website at www.conix.com.

About SCI

Software Corporation International (SCI), headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, and with offices in Buffalo, New York; Charlotte, North Carolina; Attica, Ohio; and West Palm Beach, Florida, was incorporated in 1990. The **Financial Services and Item Processing Group** is one of the world's largest and most experienced providers of CPCS and *image*CPCS expertise and solutions to the financial industry. The **eBusiness Solutions Group** provides professional services and solutions, cross-industry and cross-platform, for **forms processing; image, document, and content management; and business process automation (workflow)**. The **eGovernment Group** provides niche-based applications for municipalities and local government. SCI can be reached at 800-772-7044 or on the web at www.sci-solutions.com.

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