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TEXAS DIGITAL SYSTEMS TEAMS UP WITH FORWARD SYSTEMS

Integration Offers Customers Enhanced Messaging System

(March 18, 2004) College Station, Texas – Texas Digital Systems, Inc. (TDS), a global provider of real-time visual alert communication solutions, announced today a partnership agreement with Forward Systems, a leading urgent messaging software and services company. TDS will market and support Forward Systems' MessageCentral along with TDS' QuickCOM Enterprise alert communication software, creating an enhanced message distribution solution for businesses seeking to maximize productivity within their call center, help desk or command center operations.

"By integrating QuickCOM Enterprise with MessageCentral, we can now offer our customers a true enterprise notification system that is both flexible and easily maintained," said Dennis Davidson, TDS' Vice President Core Systems Sales and Service. Forward Systems President Scott Malagari added, "Our partnership with TDS provides our customers with the most advanced alerting platform in the industry and maximizes the effectiveness of both of our products."

MessageCentral incorporates a directory-based publish-and-subscribe approach to streamline alerting and notification communications with employees, customers, partners and suppliers. MessageCentral easily receives real-time message events and alerts from QuickCOM Enterprise and distributes them concurrently to the appropriate target audience in a variety of mediums to improve business productivity and effectiveness. The integrated QuickCOM/MessageCentral solution greatly reduces administrative overhead for enterprise messaging by allowing end users to define their personal notification devices and subscribe to alert messages through an easy-to-use web interface. By combining QuickCOM's host integration capabilities with MessageCentral's publish-and-subscribe model, customers can create a single enterprise messaging platform and eliminate the need to maintain multiple notification databases. The MessageCentral system is engineered to rapidly incorporate support for new communication devices as they arrive into the market while allowing businesses to leverage their existing base of installed pagers, digital phones and other communication platforms.

About Texas Digital Systems:

Established in 1972, Texas Digital Systems, Inc. is a privately held technology company and leading provider of integrated electronic display solutions to quick-serve restaurants, call centers, help desks, network control centers, data centers, tape operations and distribution centers. With more than 15,000 product installations worldwide—twice as many as its nearest competitor—TDS is the world's largest provider of drive-thru order confirmation displays and digital menu systems. As a customer-focused company, TDS attributes its leadership position to its commitment to deliver superior products, lasting business relationships and outstanding service and support. For more information on Texas Digital Systems and its products, visit www.txdigital.com or call (979) 693-9378.

About Forward Systems:

Forward Systems, founded in 2002, provides urgent messaging software and services to businesses nationwide. MessageCentral is a publish-and-subscribe system that shares a common directory across the enterprise for distributing alerts and notifications. Individuals define their profiles and schedules for event subscriptions and delivery methods including e-mail, pagers, cell phones, PDAs, desktop displays and instant messaging. The company is headquartered in New Kensington, Pennsylvania.

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