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Progress Software Earns Fifth Consecutive Five-Star Rating in VARBusiness Magazine

Leading Channel Publication Heralds Progress(R) Application Partner Program

BEDFORD, Mass.--(BUSINESS WIRE)--April 14, 2008--Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a provider of leading application infrastructure software to develop, deploy, integrate and manage business applications, today announced that Progress Software has been recognized by Everything Channel's VARBusiness Magazine as one of North America's top information-technology (IT) vendors for its Partner Program. This is the fifth consecutive year in which the Progress® Application Partner Program has been recognized by VARBusiness as a 5-star winner.

Progress Software was certified as a 5-Star Winner in VARBusinesses' 2008 Partner Program Guide (PPG), a guide that acknowledges the commitment and strength of a vendor's partner programs for its Channel resellers, IT integrators, and technology consultants. Of the hundreds of vendor program entries reviewed in the 14th annual VARBusiness Partner Program Guide, Progress Software was one of the coveted 5-Star Winners in four key categories of partnering including: Partner Profitability, Sales Support, Marketing Support, and Channel Operations.

The Progress Application Partner Program provides Independent Software Vendors (ISVs) around the world with a wealth of resources and support to meet their customer needs and achieve long-term business goals.

Through its unique approach to working with its more than 1,500 Application Partners/ISVs worldwide, Progress delivers strategic, customized support that assists its Application Partners with the development of focused business plans, competitive go-to-market growth strategies, and the technology to create and manage award-winning business applications.

Progress is committed to the continued success of its Application Partners and their efforts to build and deliver business applications that meet specific customer domain or industry needs. This includes a comprehensive approach to Software as a Service (SaaS) that helps Application Partners adopt and deploy SaaS profitably. Using a proven application transformation approach in conjunction with consulting services, Progress provides the knowledge, support, experience and resources needed for transforming business applications using SOA and SaaS reference models.

Robert C. DeMarzo, senior vice president and editorial director, Everything Channel, said: "The quality of a vendor's partner program reflects the true commitment they have to the thriving Solution Provider Channel, and the winners of the 2008 five-star partner programs guide are the cream of the crop of channel-friendly vendors."

Bob Palumbo, vice president, Application Partners at Progress Software, commented: "Progress has a clear vision of how the latest generation of applications need to be built and deployed to gain the most business value; to earn VARBusiness 5-Star vendor rating for the fifth straight year is testament to this. We are committed to the success of our partners and their customers. This distinction shows that we not only have great products, but we're providing our partners with everything they need to be the first to market with their best-in-class business applications, which gives them an all-important competitive edge."

The guide can be found online at VARBusiness.

About Progress Software Corporation

Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) provides application infrastructure software for the development, deployment, integration and management of business applications. Our goal is to maximize the benefits of information technology while minimizing its complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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