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Progress Software Announces Certification of the OpenEdge SaaS Platform for Deployment in the Amazon Elastic Compute Cloud (EC2)

BEDFORD, MA, Jun 29, 2010 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX News Network) -- Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS), a leading software infrastructure provider that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive, announced today that the Progress(R) OpenEdge(R) SaaS platform is now certified for use in Amazon's Elastic Compute Cloud (Amazon EC2) after extensive testing and analysis. Additionally, in response to demand from independent software vendors (ISVs) for more OpenEdge related deployment guidance around EC2, Progress Software has created a specific enablement program to help its application partners speed their applications to market significantly faster than their competitors.

Colleen Smith, Vice President at Progress Software, said: "When it comes to selecting the right cloud provider, ISVs have many options. However, despite options as strong as the Amazon EC2 in terms of scalability and reliability, our application partners told us they needed more support to help them better understand how to get their applications to market faster. In addition to creating Amazon EC2-specific resources, we have the most hands-on SaaS Enablement program in the industry. We go beyond providing self-service documents -- we help ISVs make the most informed and forward-thinking decisions on everything from the most flexible hosting option to the most profitable commercial terms."

For ISVs deploying a SaaS application, Amazon EC2 often provides them with a low cost hosting option for targeting new SMB accounts, however, navigating the range of pricing models can be confusing.

"As market prices for hosted services increased without a proportional increase in the amount of support we received, we realized we needed a way to cut our expenses without losing any measure of control over our applications," said Chris Easton, President and CEO at Applied Logic Software. "OpenEdge now certified for Amazon's EC2 environment, we know we'll receive the critical business and technical support we need from Progress Software so that regardless of deployment option, we will continue to deliver to our customers completely reliable applications that meet their needs."

In addition to providing consultative services aimed at assuring each partner selects the most appropriate hosting offering for each application, Progress also developed a complete support system for ISVs looking to understand how to operate and rapidly deploy applications in the cloud. The community site provides resources ranging from creating a first Amazon Machine Image (AMI) to associating an elastic IP address to basic "Getting to the Cloud" instructions.

OpenEdge is a leading SaaS Platform for ISVs and Business Service Providers looking to simplify service development and delivery for the cloud resulting in greater Operational Responsiveness. Features and enhancements include: delivering applications that comply with latest security regulations, simplifying the deployment of applications via the Web, increasing visibility into end-to-end business operations and accelerating the delivery of service-based applications.

More details on the OpenEdge SaaS platform are available at: <http://www.progress.com/openedge/products/openedge/>

Today, Progress Software empowers a community of more than 1,500 application partners offering over 4,000 applications that serve 6 million users worldwide. Our combined customers are able to "make progress" by reaching the highest level of business performance, delivering deployment flexibility for public and private clouds and achieving the industry's lowest cost of ownership.

Progress Software Corporation Progress Software Corporation (NASDAQ: PRGS) is a global software company that enables enterprises to be operationally responsive to changing conditions and customer interactions as they occur -- to capitalize on new opportunities, drive greater efficiencies and reduce risk. The company offers a comprehensive portfolio of best-in-class infrastructure software spanning event-driven visibility and real-time response, open integration, data access and integration, and application development and deployment -- all supporting on-premises and SaaS/Cloud deployments. Progress maximizes the benefits of operational responsiveness while minimizing IT complexity and total cost of ownership. Progress can be reached at www.progress.com or +1-781-280-4000.

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