



## DAUGHERTY BUSINESS SOLUTIONS EARNS COVETED MICROSOFT GOLD CERTIFIED PARTNER STATUS

St. Louis, Missouri, April 20, 2006 –Daugherty Business Solutions, a leader in providing innovative technology solutions to meet business demands, announces its second year in the Microsoft Gold Certified Partner Program, the highest level within the Microsoft Certified Partners Program. As a Gold Certified partner, Daugherty Business Solutions has demonstrated expertise with Microsoft technologies and proven ability to meet customers' needs. Daugherty earned Microsoft Competencies in three categories:

- Custom Development Solutions—Web Development
- Data Management Solutions—Business Intelligence
- Business Process and Integration Solutions

Microsoft Competencies are designed to help differentiate a Partner's capabilities with specific Microsoft technologies to customers looking for a particular type of solution. Each competency has a unique set of requirements and benefits, formulated to accurately represent the specific skills and services that Partners bring to the technology industry.

"Daugherty has been a trusted partner in the long-term strategic technology plans of leading companies in a broad range of industries. Our Microsoft Gold Certification reinforces to our clients our expertise in bridging the gap between their business needs and technology capabilities," said Ron Daugherty, president and CEO of Daugherty Business Solutions. "We are extremely pleased with our long-term relationship with Microsoft and the value our partnership brings to our clients."

The **Microsoft Custom Development Solutions** competency is designed for partners who are providing custom-developed solutions to customers who require value-added capabilities to optimize business opportunities. The **Web Development** specialization focuses on delivering Web-enabled deployment solutions required in organizations that wish to operate and transact through the Internet using Visual Studio, ASP.NET, IIS, Windows Server 2003, and SQL Server. Leveraging these Microsoft products allows Daugherty to deliver flexible solutions that can adapt to changing business needs, and with a lower cost of ownership.

The **Microsoft Data Management Solutions** competency with **Business Intelligence** specialization is designed for partners who focus on delivering services, tools, and application business intelligence using SQL Server technology. Daugherty provides Data Management reporting and analysis solutions to help improve organizations by providing business insight to all employees leading to better, faster, more relevant decisions.

The **Microsoft Business Process and Integration Competency** is designed for partners with proven proficiency in implementing and deploying server-based portals for driving Internet commerce, and business process applications featuring: Enterprise Application Integration (EAI), Business-to-business Application Integration, Business Process Management (BPM) Internet Business, Digital Rights Management, Extranet/Hosting, Web

Application/Portal Development, and Web Based Workflow/Orchestration Solutions. Using Microsoft products such as BizTalk allows Daugherty to build solutions that directly implement our client's business processes.

Microsoft Gold Certified Partners receive a rich set of benefits, including access to many of the corporation's exclusive resources and early product information. These include priority access to a support team of Microsoft certified systems engineers and non-disclosure evaluation of new products and technologies. Microsoft goes a long way to helping Daugherty maintain its leading-edge perspective on Microsoft technologies, a perspective that allows Daugherty to craft solutions for its clients that are aligned with Microsoft's long-term direction.

**ABOUT DAUGHERTY BUSINESS SOLUTIONS:** Since 1985, Daugherty Business Solutions has helped companies achieve their business objectives through the intelligent integration of business processes and leading technologies. Daugherty's collaborative, partnering approach, proven processes and unparalleled staff of over 400 business and technical experts enable Daugherty to consistently earn the highest client satisfaction ratings. Daugherty provides Business Intelligence, Mobile Computing, ERP, and Custom Software Development solutions from its corporate headquarters in St. Louis, Missouri and its regional offices in Atlanta, Georgia and Chicago, Illinois.

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