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## **Avista Solutions Attains Gold Certified Partner Status In Microsoft Partner Program**

Avista Solutions Further Distinguishes Itself by Earning a Microsoft Competency  
In Independent Software Vendor/Software Solutions

San Diego, CA, March 29, 2006—Avista Solutions, a leading mortgage software provider today announced it has attained Gold Certified status in the Microsoft Partner Program with a competency in ISV/Software Solutions recognizing Avista Solutions' expertise and total impact in the technology marketplace. As a Gold Certified partner, Avista Solutions has demonstrated expertise with Microsoft technologies and proven ability to meet customers' needs. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners receive a rich set of benefits, including access, training and support, giving them a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

Avista Solutions is a provider of web-based mortgage origination systems for all origination channels with product eligibility and pricing, underwriting, closing docs, funding and document imaging powering lenders with \$250 million to \$19 billion in annual origination volume.

"We are extremely pleased to have attained Gold Certified status in the Microsoft Partner Program. This allows us to clearly promote our expertise and relationship with Microsoft to our customers," said Mark Phlieger, CEO. "The benefits provided through our Gold Certified status will allow us to continue to enhance the offerings that we provide for customers."

"Customers are looking for partner companies that can bridge the gap between their business demands and technology capabilities. They need to trust in someone that can act as an expert adviser for their long-term strategic technology plans. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners, which have certified expertise and direct training and support from Microsoft, can build a positive customer experience with our technologies," said Allison Watson, vice president of the Worldwide Partner Sales and Marketing Group at Microsoft Corp. "Today, Microsoft recognizes Avista Solutions as a new Microsoft Gold Certified Partner for demonstrating its expertise in providing customer satisfaction with Microsoft products and technology."

As one of the requirements for attaining Gold Certified Status, Avista Solutions had to declare a Microsoft Competency. 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.

The Microsoft ISV/Software Solutions Competency recognizes the skill and focus partners bring to a particular solution set. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners that have obtained this competency have a successful record of developing and marketing packed software based on Microsoft technologies.

"Solutions Competencies are an important way for Microsoft to better enable ISVs to meet customer needs," said Sanjay Parthasarathy, corporate vice president of the Platform Strategy & Partner Group at Microsoft. "They allow ISVs to keep and win customers with their deep knowledge of solutions-based Microsoft platform technologies. Microsoft has a long history of working closely with ISV partners to help deliver compelling solutions and applications to our mutual customers, and the Solutions Competencies are an important step in continuing to enhance vital relationships with ISVs worldwide."

The Microsoft Partner Program was launched in December 2003 and represents Microsoft's ongoing commitment to the success of partners worldwide. The program offers a single, integrated partnering framework that recognizes partner expertise, rewards the total impact that partners have in the technology marketplace, and delivers more value to help partners' businesses be successful.

#### About Avista Solutions

Avista Solutions is a mortgage software company founded on old-fashioned business values. Our web-based mortgage loan origination software has handled over \$173 billion in unique loans and our customers are among the highest rated in the industry for their origination technology. The demand for new mortgage products in a rapidly changing market requires a platform with superior flexibility. Avista Solutions' suite of mortgage lending software provides complete end-to-end solutions that can be rapidly implemented for conforming, Alt-A, and sub-prime products, across all origination channels. For more information about the innovative products Avista has to offer, please call (803) 788-4936, or visit us on the web at [www.avistasolutions.com](http://www.avistasolutions.com).