

InfraScience Achieves Microsoft Gold Partner Status

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InfraScience Earns Gold Certified Partner in Microsoft Partner Program by Demonstrating Expertise and Proven Ability to Meet Client Needs

Alpharetta, GA - (December 6 2005) - InfraScience today announced it has attained Gold Certified status in the Microsoft Partner Program recognizing expertise and total impact in the technology marketplace. As a Gold Certified partner, **InfraScience** has demonstrated expertise with Microsoft technologies and proven ability to meet clients' needs. Microsoft Gold Certified Partners receive a rich set of benefits, including access, training and support, giving them a competitive advantage in the marketplace. Established in 2003, **InfraScience** is uniquely qualified to understand needs, reduce risks and seamlessly implement infrastructure solutions. The firm's client base is very diverse and includes mid-market businesses and large enterprises where the focus is on advanced infrastructure solutions including security, messaging systems and directory services in the southeast.

"We are extremely pleased to have attained Gold Certified status in the Microsoft Partner Program. This reflects our dedication to our clients by ensuring that we have highly qualified consultants assigned to all projects. Our Gold Certification clearly promotes our expertise and the relationship we have with Microsoft to our customers," said Phil Bartholomew, Managing Partner at InfraScience. "The benefits provided through our Gold Certified status allow us to offer enhanced services to our clients."

*"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 **InfraScience** as a new Microsoft Gold Certified Partner for demonstrating its expertise in providing customer satisfaction with Microsoft products and technology."*

The Microsoft Gold Certified Partner Program provides a way for customers to identify companies that have proven their commitment and expertise in one or more specialized areas when delivering Microsoft technologies. Microsoft Certified Partners need to meet a higher set of criteria for each category, including enhanced certification and a portfolio of real-world customer references, and are thus identified as the most skilled partners in specific solution areas.

"InfraScience believes money spent on technology infrastructure, while commonly viewed as overhead or commodity expenses, actually represents hidden opportunity for businesses to make strategic investments. Technology infrastructure, as an investment, means understanding the potential value and leveraging the asset to gain maximum return," says Jeff Meyer, Executive Partner of InfraScience. "Microsoft solutions have a reputation of being reasonably priced while providing high value. Those attributes make Microsoft products a good investment for any organization to consider. We recognize a formal partnership and alignment with Microsoft means we can offer the best services and solutions to our clients." - - more -

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As one of the requirements for attaining Gold Certified Status, **InfraScience** had to declare one or more Microsoft Competencies. 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:

Advanced Infrastructure Solutions: The Advanced Infrastructure Solutions Competency is designed for partners with proven expertise in designing and/or implementing complex infrastructure solutions such as Active Directory®-based and Microsoft Identity Integration Server design and deployment solutions, or Microsoft Exchange Server migration or deployment solutions. Because customers are increasingly asking to do more with less, partners with the Advanced Infrastructure Solutions Competency can identify their unique skill in helping customers access management solutions, improving operational efficiency and reducing security risks

Information Worker Solutions: Designed to provide additional benefits and support to partners specializing in collaboration, portals and other productivity solutions, the Information Worker Productivity Solutions Competency is used by Gold Certified Partners that provide customers with solutions built on familiar programs which enable them to better manage, prioritize and collaborate on increasing volumes of information. Partners that have obtained the Information Worker Productivity Solutions Competency can help their customers realize increased service revenues and new market opportunities.

The Microsoft Partner Program 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 value to help partners' businesses be successful.

About InfraScience:

*Based in Alpharetta, Georgia, **InfraScience, LLC** provides consulting services for mid-market and Fortune 1000 clients desiring expert guidance on technology infrastructure initiatives. The firm, a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner, helps organizations maximize their return on infrastructure investments. Founded in 2003, and privately owned, **InfraScience** is uniquely qualified to understand needs, reduce risks and seamlessly implement optimum infrastructure solutions. "**The Science of Infrastructure**"™ is realized by combining experience with an analytical approach. The results continually exceed expectations...*

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