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**SOFTWARE COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES
WINNERS OF 2003 SOFTWARE INDUSTRY AWARDS**

*Leading Orange County and Los Angeles-based companies honored for
their contributions to the software and IT industry.*

TORRANCE, CALIF. – February 6, 2003 – The Software Council of Southern California (SCSC) today announced its ninth annual Software Industry Awards winners.

The award winners for the 2003 event include Software CEO of the Year, Aubrey Chernick, chairman and CEO of Candle Corporation in El Segundo; Software Entrepreneur of the Year, George Kurtz, CEO of Foundstone Inc. in Mission Viejo; Software Company of the Year, FileNet Corporation in Costa Mesa; and Software Developer of the Year, Telelogic North America Inc. in Irvine.

The awards, which also featured a keynote address from CEO and president of YaYa Media, Keith Ferrazzi, were presented at a gala dinner ceremony on Feb. 5, 2003 at the Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

“For the ninth consecutive year we had remarkable nominations, outstanding finalists and extraordinary award winners, demonstrating yet again that Southern California is one of the world’s most vibrant centers of software innovation, entrepreneurship and quality,” said Richard Koffler, interim executive director of the Software Council of Southern California.

For more information about the event and award winners please visit the SCSC Web site, www.scsc.org, or call (310) 328-0043.

About The Software Council of Southern California (SCSC)

The Software Council of Southern California facilitates the success of our region's information technology companies by providing a wide-ranging, center-of-excellence forum for forming invaluable professional connections and exchanging no-nonsense, practical information. Our community consists of executives and managers from the region's diverse information technology industry: information technology vendors, distributors and resellers; Internet-based businesses; software services; custom software developers; consultants; universities; investors; and vendors and service providers that support the information technology industry.

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