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**SOFTWARE COUNCIL OF SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA ANNOUNCES
FINALISTS FOR 2003 SOFTWARE INDUSTRY AWARDS**

Orange County, Los Angeles-based companies dominant in their categories.

TORRANCE, CALIF. – January 27, 2003 – The Software Council of Southern California (SCSC) today announced its ninth annual Software Industry Awards finalists. The awards will be presented at the gala dinner ceremony on Feb. 5, 2003 at the newly renovated Millennium Biltmore Hotel in Los Angeles.

The finalists for the 2003 event for Software CEO of the Year include Aubrey Chernick of Candle Corporation (El Segundo), Ann Price of Motek, Inc. (Beverly Hills), and Walt Straub of Rainbow Technologies (Irvine). Software Entrepreneur of the Year finalists include Charles Ames of Oak Grove Systems, Inc. (Calabasas), Mark Friedman of Accruent, Inc. (Santa Monica), and George Kurtz of Foundstone Inc. (Mission Viejo). Software Developer of the Year finalists include Akonix Systems, Inc. (San Diego), Telelogic North America Inc. (Irvine) and WolfeTech Development Corporation (Claremont). Software Company of the Year finalists include Best Software, Inc. (Irvine), FileNet Corporation (Costa Mesa) and Vision Solutions, Inc. (Irvine).

“We’re extremely pleased to announce the 2003 event finalists,” said Richard Koffler, interim executive director of the Software Council of Southern California. “Once again, our finalists showcase Southern California’s leaders as visionaries in the software and IT industry.”

For more information about the finalists and registration process 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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