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CONNOLLY HELPS REFINE MICROSOFT PRODUCTS

Atlanta, Georgia - Connolly's enviable position as the world's largest private recovery audit firm is due in part to the constantly evolving cutting-edge technology the company employs. This technology results in part from Connolly's strategic partnership with Microsoft who has used the company as a beta testing site. Connolly is rated as a Microsoft Gold Partner.

In 2009 Connolly began testing, developing and providing feedback to Microsoft on its newest suite of 2010 products which includes Office, SharePoint, Visual Studio and SQL Server. This was well ahead of the general public's access to the new software lineup.

"It's a big deal for a company of our size to be invited to test out these products," Connolly CIO Mike Matloub said in discussing the new software. "By comparison the US Army was also selected as one of the early adopters," he said. Matloub says being asked to test the products has helped both Connolly and Microsoft.

"Having the information and access to the products gave us a huge head start in planning for our implementation and the marrying up of our internal systems and development roadmaps to take advantage of the productivity improvements," Mike said. Microsoft had sent a team to Connolly earlier to do reconnaissance on their product performance and queried Mike about how they could be improved and he was subsequently invited to be a keynote speaker at the Atlanta Microsoft 2010 Suite of Products launch held recently.

The Technology Adoption Program (TAP), the program in which Connolly participated, is what Microsoft calls the 'granddaddy of all of their beta programs.' It's centered on a core group of key customers and partners who are in a position to provide value in the product's lifecycles. TAP consists of four programs: 1) Product Validation, 2) Product Evaluation, 3) Rapid Deployment, and 4) Solutions Implementation.

"We were a natural choice as contributors to the refinement of these products because of how far we push them in the service of our recovery efforts," Mike said. He added that Connolly was one of the first firms to be fully operational on SharePoint 2010. This yielded value in the areas of process automation and furthered Connolly's ability to harvest the extensive knowledge that exists in the organization.

About Connolly

Connolly is a leading global recovery audit firm that assists clients in the industries of healthcare, retail, commercial, and government and recovers hundreds of millions of dollars annually in erroneous payments to suppliers, vendors, and providers. These errors are endemic to any large organization and result in significant lost dollars every year if not recovered. Recovery auditing is recognized as a best practice and Connolly's expertise places it in a position to propose vital process improvement recommendations to reduce or eliminate future payment errors. For more information go to www.connolly.com.

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