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IDG's *InfoWorld* Names Avanade in its 100 Most Innovative Corporate IT Solutions for 2006 Award

Annual Awards Honor Most Creative and Cutting-Edge Implementations of Enterprise Technology

November 13, 2006-- San Francisco, CA – Avanade a global IT solutions consultancy dedicated to the Microsoft platform, announced today that it has been honored in IDG's *InfoWorld* 100 awards for its innovative work with PolyServe to create a "Virtual Server Infrastructure" based on the PolyServe Database Utility for SQL Server. This minimizes the need for expensive server and hardware upgrades, contains software and management costs, and reduces time for deployment and re-hosting. The Virtual Server Infrastructure is based on Avanade's Matrix Server virtualization technology which provides a file system to allow multiple servers to share data access simultaneously creating a single, virtualized storage and server pool. Sharing the storage pool improves overall storage capabilities while retaining the performance benefits of dedicated servers.

"We are thrilled to be among the 13 other companies in our category to win this award," said Larry LeSueur Vice-President Infrastructure & Security, Avanade. "We feel especially pleased because the work we have done has helped our clients achieve a challenging business objective."

The annual awards honor IT projects that demonstrate the most creative use of cutting-edge technologies to further the business goals of an organization. Nominations were submitted by *InfoWorld* readers, technology partners, and end-user companies in late-summer. To be considered, projects needed to stretch beyond the typical, off-the-shelf solution, and were to include multiple technologies in innovative ways to serve well-defined business goals. Winners are formally announced in the November 13th, print edition of *InfoWorld*, as well as available online at: <http://www.infoworld.com/reports/46SR06iw100.html>

"It has been said that fortune favors the bold. The inspiration for this year's finalists to tackle such sweeping changes varies widely — from reducing delivery time of products and services to replacing cumbersome legacy systems," said Richard Gincel, *InfoWorld* Senior Editor. "But regardless of the motivation, high ambition unites them all."

About Avanade Inc.

Avanade is the only global IT solutions consultancy 100 percent dedicated to using the Microsoft platform to help enterprises achieve profitable growth. Through proven solutions that extend Microsoft technologies, Avanade helps enterprises increase revenue, reduce costs, and reinvest in innovation to gain competitive advantage. Our consultants deliver value according to each customer's requirements, timeline and budget by combining insight, innovation and the talent of our global workforce. For more information about Avanade, please visit us at <http://www.avanade.com/>.