



Sage Software's Sage Abra HRMS Positioned in the Leaders Quadrant in 2006 Magic Quadrant for U.S. Midmarket Human Resource Management Systems

Evaluation Based on Completeness of Vision and Ability to Execute

ST. PETERSBURG, Fla. - January 30, 2006 - Sage Software announced today that Sage Abra HRMS, its award-winning, fully-integrated HR, payroll, compliance, employee self-service (ESS), and online benefits enrollment solution, has been positioned in the Leaders quadrant in Gartner, Inc.'s 2006 Magic Quadrant for U.S. Midmarket Human Resource Management Systems (HRMS).

"We believe being named to Gartner's Leaders HRMS quadrant for 2006 confirms what our customers already know," said Ray Jimison, senior vice president and general manager for Specialized Business Solutions at Sage Software. "Sage Abra is valued for its large mid-market HRMS installed base and strong functionality at reasonable price points, which maximize return on investment and minimize total cost of ownership. In addition, Sage Software has diverse product and service offerings outside of HRMS, such as Sage Payroll Services, and a financially strong parent company."

Sage Abra is Sage Software's flagship HR/payroll offering from its portfolio of complementary front- and back-office solutions, including accounting, fixed asset management, and customer relationship management (CRM) solutions, among others, as well as solutions especially for specific vertical industries, such as manufacturing, distribution, nonprofit, accountants, construction, and real estate. In addition to its best-of-breed status, Sage Abra integrates with the company's Sage MAS 90 ERP, Sage MAS 200 ERP, Sage MAS 500 ERP, and Sage MIP Fund Accounting products, among other solutions for the mid-market.

*For its U.S. Midmarket HRMS Magic Quadrant, Gartner evaluates vendors across a range of criteria and positions them in the Leaders, Challengers, Visionaries, or Niche Players quadrant based on their Ability to Execute and Completeness of Vision. According to Gartner, U.S. Midmarket HRMS Leaders are "vendors whose performances excel in the U.S. for midmarket HRMS solutions. They are able to deliver breadth and depth of HRMS functionality, as well as demonstrate a strong vision to capitalize on emerging market trends. Leaders successfully articulate a business proposition that resonates with buyers, supported by the viability and operational capability to deliver."

In addition to the Magic Quadrant positioning, Abra Workforce Connections, the self-service component of Sage Abra, recently received a Top HR Product award from the editors of HR Executive magazine.

About the Magic Quadrant

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Headquartered in Laguna Hills, Blytheco specializes in streamlining business operations through Sage Software computer applications, support, and consulting services. Celebrating 26 years in Orange County, Blytheco has been a leader in creating critical business solutions, enabling businesses to process information more efficiently and effectively. Accounting, Finance, CRM and Human Resource information systems are the heart of a company's operational success. Providing a proven strategic edge for increasing a company's ROI, Blytheco incorporates and simplifies existing technologies to automate business processes, decrease costs, increase sales and operations, thereby, providing complete solutions for business needs. In addition to providing an extensive portfolio of products and support services, Blytheco also provides customized enhancements, organizational specific consulting services, and comprehensive on-site and classroom training programs. Blytheco is a Sage Software Master Developer, Authorized Training Center, Sage Software Certified Support Center and is honored to be Sage Software Partner of the Year. Nationwide expansion includes Illinois, Missouri, New Jersey, New York, Ohio, and Texas. www.blytheco.com (800) 4BLYTHE

About Sage Software (formerly Best Software)

Sage Software offers leading business management software and services that support the needs, challenges and dreams of more than 2.5 million small and mid-sized business customers in North America. Its parent company, The Sage Group plc (London: SGE.L), supports 4.7 million customers worldwide. For more than 25 years, Sage Software has delivered easy-to-use, scalable and customizable software for accounting, customer relationship management, human resources, time tracking and the specialized needs of accounting practices and the construction, distribution, manufacturing, nonprofit and real estate industries. For more information, please visit the Web site at www.sagesoftware.com/moreinfo.

*Gartner Research "Magic Quadrant for U.S. Midmarket HRMS, 2006" by James Holincheck and Kirsten Recknagel. January 26, 2006