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Synergy Resources and Infor grant software and services to enhance enterprise resource planning instruction at Binghamton University

Hampton, New Hampshire— Synergy Resources, a leading provider of enterprise resource planning (ERP) software solutions and services, and Infor recently announced an in-kind software and services gift to Binghamton University's Thomas J. Watson School of Engineering and Applied Science and School of Management.

The gift, which has a commercial value of \$165,000, includes Infor ERP Visual software from Infor, and implementation and training services from Synergy Resources. Through this gift, students will learn how to use technology to manage the integrated supply chain for a company from manufacturing and purchasing to warehousing and distribution.

"Visual allows Binghamton University students to gain valuable hands-on experience using leading software," said Binghamton University President Lois B. DeFleur. "The advances that our University can make by bringing together our bright students with inspired faculty and corporate friends such as Infor and Synergy Resources, strongly enhances the value of student experience at Binghamton University. Engaged alumni and involved industrial partners can advance Binghamton University by providing the resources that keep us on the cutting-edge of instruction and application."

With an install base of over 4,000 manufacturers around the world, Visual is the ERP solution of choice for enterprising manufacturers who seek rapid implementation, business-specific functionality and ease of use in a single package.

"It is important for young engineering and management students in this country to gain a working knowledge of ERP systems," said Binghamton University alumnus Gene Caiola of Synergy Resources, who leveraged his long-time relationship with Infor to make available the Visual enterprise software tool to Binghamton University. "With the knowledge they gain by working with Visual, these students will have a competitive edge in the job market and be able to make an immediate positive impact on manufacturing in this country."

Under the guidance of faculty in the Watson School, the Visual software is also expected to create collaborations between the University's academic environment and local business and industry.

"The connection between the classroom and industry is the backbone of the Watson School," says Dean Seshu Desu. "We believe in being an active driver in the economic development of the region. In addition to educating students on the use of ERP systems, the gift will allow the school to further develop research and projects to keep companies competitive and nimble."

The Visual software also has the potential of serving organizations in the Greater Binghamton area and across New York State through research partnerships. These projects would offer businesses access to services that combine this ERP software and University expertise. News of the Visual resource and its

potential as a technology resource was made public on September 12 at a forum for local business and industry leaders.

The event, titled “Catalyst for Innovation 2007,” grouped attendees according to area of interest to help identify specific operational challenges that impact the competitiveness of local companies. The forum also highlighted opportunities for potential technology solutions that can be developed through continued partnerships with the University and members of the Southern Tier Opportunity Coalition (STOC), a private sector and academic initiative to help address economic growth in the Greater Binghamton region.

The school’s relationship with alumnus Gene Caiola made Synergy Resources a logical partner. “As an alumnus and business leader, I value my relationship with Binghamton University. At Synergy Resources, our goal is to help small and medium sized manufacturers stay competitive in the global economy by giving them the tools to run more efficiently and ultimately improve their profitability. What we bring to the table, along with Infor, is leading edge software, technology and best business practices. Giving students the opportunity to learn Visual in the classroom will give those students a competitive edge in the job market and give their future employers a competitive edge in business.”

About Synergy Resources

Synergy Resources provides leading edge enterprise resources planning (ERP) software solutions and services to manufacturing and distribution companies who are looking to increase profitability and improve their operational performance. As a certified Infor Channel Partner, Synergy Resources has focused exclusively on selling and supporting Infor ERP VISUAL since 1992 and now has over 500 customers. With a staff of over 50 people based throughout the Northeast, Synergy Resources has the depth and breadth of knowledge and the expansive geographical reach to guide our customers through successful implementations that enhance productivity and increase profitability