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STANDARDIZED SCHOOL DATA COLLECTION **TAKES GIANT STEP FORWARD**

MOBILE, Alabama, March 16, 2004—The nationwide effort to interface K-12 technology made a major leap today when Software Technology, Inc., one of the country's leading companies specializing in student information software for school systems, announced it has been designated Schools Interoperability Framework (SIF) compliant.

SIF is a non-profit membership association comprised of over 100 businesses, school districts, state departments of education and other organizations dedicated to ensuring that K-12 instructional and administrative software applications work together. In order to gain SIF compliance, a company must warrant and represent that their product meets the applicable conformance requirements.

Because SIF is an open standard, schools deploying educational software will continue to have a multitude of choices. However, the SIF Compliant certification ensures software applications bearing that mark will function within an entire system.

Software Technology, Inc.'s STIOffice addresses most aspects of a school system's information management and reporting needs including student and teacher demographics, attendance, scheduling, transcripts, special education assessment, discipline tracking, grade reporting and textbook management, professional development, funds accounting, health and immunization tracking, as well as parent/teacher communications. In addition, the company offers a wide variety of interfacing modules including STIBookkeeper, STIClassroom, STISets (Special Education Tracking System), STIHealth, Transportation & Facilities Management, and STIHome, an internet-based student information system.

"We're extremely proud to have our software meet the stringent conformance requirements set forth by SIF," said Rob Fiance, CEO. "School administrators, teachers and other related personnel can now be assured that our software application is secure, and they will receive appropriate access to the most current and accurate data available."

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Headquartered in Mobile, Alabama, STI, founded in 1982, develops and distributes comprehensive, fully integrated information management software, as well as provides support and training services. Their integrated suite of products are currently used in approximately 7,000 schools in 27 states.

STI's development of compatible extensions of its software applications will improve the overall functionality of technology in schools. "By enabling these diverse products to work together, SIF is expanding the capability of schools' existing technology investment," Fiance said.

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