

## QUEST SOFTWARE'S FASTLANE ACTIVEROLES(tm) SELECTED A FINALIST FOR MEC AWARDS 2001

Nomination in 'Best Management Tool or Utility' Category Recognizes Quest as Leader in Windows 2000 and Exchange 2000 Management and Administration

IRVINE, Calif., September 19, 2001 - Quest Software, Inc. (Nasdaq: QSFT), a leading provider of application management solutions, today announced its selection as a finalist in the MEC Awards 2001. Quest's FastLane ActiveRoles is one of four finalists in the 'Best Management Tool or Utility' category.

"Our Fastlane ActiveRoles Solution focuses on the real daily pains of network and Exchange 2000 administrators," said David Waugh, vice president of product marketing, Microsoft Solutions for Quest Software. "ActiveRoles allows Active Directory and Exchange 2000 administrative teams to leverage the power of standard Microsoft security models, and built-in availability and scalability. We are really pleased to have been recognized as a finalist in this category."

The MEC Awards 2001 span ten separate categories and are designed to acknowledge companies that are building innovative business solutions using Exchange 2000's built-in services and its support for Web-standard protocols. Global judges of this category are seeking to recognize products that are both useful and functional in managing and maintaining Exchange 2000 deployments. Winners will be announced in Orlando, Florida on Monday, October 1, 2001.

FastLane ActiveRoles is an Active Directory (AD) management solution that provides central management of administrative rights across the entire enterprise to reduce the cost of AD deployment and management. The product provides role-based administration that enables enterprises to match their business requirements with the technical capabilities of Active Directory.

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