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SAND HILL GROUP ANNOUNCES THE SOFTWARE 2006 SHOWCASE

*Software Showcase Program to Feature 20 Top Private Companies
Across Enterprise Software, New Media, Open Source and Security Sectors*

San Francisco—March 7, 2006—Sand Hill Group today announced its Software Showcase of top private companies at Software 2006 on April 4-5, 2006 at the Santa Clara Convention Center. Over 100 companies were reviewed for Software Showcase and 20 were selected to present at the event – creating a blueprint for what’s new in the software industry ecosystem.

“The rumors of a waning software industry have been greatly exaggerated,” said M.R. Rangaswami, co-founder of Sand Hill Group. “On the contrary, the Software Showcase companies each uniquely embody the idea that is a theme at the conference and overall in the industry: software innovation is alive and well and continually evolving for the better. These emerging leaders cover a wide range of forward thinking products and technologies that are truly impressive in depth, scope and originality.”

Software Showcase will feature companies in four key growth areas – Open Source, Security, New Media and more broadly in Enterprise Software. Participating companies were selected based on company growth, unique value and innovation, and making a tangible difference for customers. The list of Showcase companies includes:

Enterprise Software

Ework <http://www.ework.com>
Itemfield <http://www.itemfield.com>
Kalido <http://www.kalido.com>
Storeperform <http://www.storeperform.com>
Wyse <http://www.wyse.com>

New Media

BDMetrics <http://www.bdmetrics.com>
Blinkx <http://www.blinkx.com>
Clairmail <http://www.clairmail.com>
Jotspot <http://www.jotspot.com>
Socialtext <http://www.socialtext.com>

Open Source

CollabNet <http://www.collab.net>
Compiere <http://www.compiere.org>
Digium <http://www.digium.com>
Ingres <http://www.ingres.com>
Zimbra <http://www.zimbra.com>

Security

Columbitech <http://www.columbitech.com>

Courion<http://www.courion.com>

Fortify <http://www.fortifysoftware.com>

SOA Software <http://www.soa.com>

Vontu <http://www.vontu.com>

About Software 2006

Software 2006 will fuel productive debate about software industry challenges and solutions among an expected audience of 2,500 CEOs, VPs, CIOs, investors, media, analysts and other influencers. Backed by the industry's top five software companies, the conference promises to be the year's single most important event for executives and senior professionals in the software business. To find out more about the Software 2006 conference program, visit www.software2006.com or contact M.R. Rangaswami at mr@sandhill.com.

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