Press Release:

ASE Technologies along with Crawford Technologies and NearStar Incorporated form strategic partnership

Boston, MA October 18, 2002 – With a combined 90 years of industry knowledge, ASE Technologies, Crawford Technologies and NearStar Incorporated form a strategic partnership to better support companies with production printing needs. The formation of the partnership strengthens and already successful collaboration of companies and the software products and services they offer.

"This unique combination allows users to combine the highest quality and fastest print stream transform technology available in the industry with the powerful output management capabilities of the Dynamic Data Server and the excellent integration and support capabilities of ASE Technologies. Like buying a component stereo system, users can get the best of all the critical ingredients of an excellent solution." adds Ernie Crawford, President of Crawford Technologies.

About ASE Technologies

ASE Technologies, Inc. is in its seventeenth year helping clients meet their printing goals. ASE provides solutions for data distribution and print management that save time and money. Our product take large data streams from virtually any host, network, application or user, and distributes it to any output device, without

reprogramming. Use less paper and view online, fax, e-mail, index and/or archive information without having to print all those files.

About NearStar

NearStar's technical staff consists of industry specific specialists with over 30 years of experience in the printing industry. This makes NearStar the industry leader in providing customers with flexible solutions to address unique business requirements. Since introducing its job management software, Dynamic DataServer, in 1998, NearStar has assembled an impressive customer list from a broad range of business sectors, including retail, finance and banking, government, education and insurance. Headquartered in Dallas, Texas, NearStar is a privately held company.

About Crawford Technologies Inc.

Crawford Technologies Inc. provides print stream transform, extraction and manipulation solutions that are unsurpassed in the industry. With our committed and knowledgeable product teams, Crawford provides unparalleled development, design and support. Crawford is a global leader in providing advanced print production transformation products for the financial, insurance, medical, government, and telecommunications industry. Crawford's powerful suite of conversion and enhancement products automates the transformation of print-stream, data manipulation and document output. Crawford Technologies Inc. is based in Canada. Our Toronto and Vancouver development centers produce high quality, cross-platform products using advanced development and testing techniques such as white box testing, daily builds and automated regression tests. Our sales and marketing activities are coordinated in Colorado.