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PlatformOne Increases its Investment by over \$1.1 Million in Lawson Software; Prepares for Explosive Growth in the Mid-Market for Comprehensive HR-BPO Services

Atlanta, GA – May 21, 2004 – SCI Companies today announced that its Human Resources Business Process Outsourcing (HR-BPO) initiative, PlatformOne, has recently contracted with Lawson Software for many of its new product offerings. The new applications will enhance PlatformOne's software capabilities mainly in the areas of web applications, service automation, process management, and reporting to its clients.

PlatformOne indicates that the move to enhance its technology infrastructure with Lawson now is a direct result of HR-BPO gaining momentum in the mid-market faster than it previously planned. PlatformOne is well ahead of expectations set in its original business plan for its HR-BPO business.

PlatformOne offers two HR Business Process Outsourcing (BPO) solutions. The first is aimed at mid-market companies and includes HR Technology Infrastructure, HR Administrative Services, and HR Professional Support. The second is an industry specific, turnkey technology solution for Professional Employer Organizations (PEO's).

Since PlatformOne first partnered with Lawson in March of 1998, it has believed that the comprehensive capabilities of a top-tier HR technology such as Lawson would prove to be a minimum requirement for mid-market companies that would eventually move to outsourcing. The company even takes its name – PlatformOne - from the concept that a sound technology infrastructure is the initial foundation from which to deliver a successful outsourcing solution.

The market is beginning to prove the strategy correct. In the last 12 months, PlatformOne acquired and successfully implemented more new business for comprehensive HR-BPO than any company in the mid-market.

“Beginning as early as 1998, we anticipated that comprehensive HR outsourcing services would soon gain acceptance and momentum in the mid-market,” said Henry Hardin, CEO of SCI Companies. “Our strategy for many years has been to move our HR service offerings as a PEO up market. So we partnered with Lawson six years ago to enhance our proprietary PEO systems. Since then, we have pioneered the use of Lawson's latest capabilities, being their initial customer to upgrade and perfect several key software releases, such as their web-enabled and self-service features.”



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“Today’s announcement simply punctuates our confidence in the strategy we implemented years ago,” said Tony Foley, CFO of SCI Companies and President of PlatformOne. “We have more than 18 years of experience delivering similar HR outsourcing services as a PEO. Now we have over six years of experience servicing customers with this truly integrated, tier-one HR information system platform.”

“With the Global 2000 momentum for HR-BPO well documented, and business conditions very favorable for outsourcing in general, 2004 and 2005 should be years of strong growth in the mid-market,” continued Foley. “We are well positioned to build on our successes since mid-year 2002. When you consider our experience, technology strategy, client list, and implementation success, we feel that we are at least 18 months ahead of our nearest known competitor delivering HR-BPO services to the mid-market.”

About PlatformOne

PlatformOne is an innovator and leader in the delivery of state-of-the-art Human Resources solutions. Evolving over 18 years, PlatformOne offers HR Business Processing Outsourcing (BPO) solutions that include HR Technology Infrastructure, HR Administrative Services, and HR Professional Support. Our comprehensive HR solutions, when combined with our world-class people, processes, and technology produce efficient, consistent, and cost-effective results for our clients.

PlatformOne is one of SCI Companies’ two key business units in the HR Outsourcing services market. Staffing Concepts, the company’s Professional Employer Organization (PEO) subsidiary since 1985, delivers HR services to emerging and small businesses with less than 500 employees. Combined, the two business units of SCI service more than 75,000 employees and more than 450 client companies using Lawson Software solutions.

Additional information on PlatformOne may be found on its web site. www.PlatformOne.com

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