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ECNO Enters into Preferred Purchasing Agreement for Library System for its School Boards

Latest agreement ensures Ontario Schools save money while making libraries more accessible for their students.

December 9, 2008 Kelowna, B.C. Canada - The Educational Computing Network of Ontario (ECNO), a not-for-profit information technology cooperative, and L4U, a Division of SRB Education Solutions Inc. based in Kelowna, British Columbia, have agreed to enter into an Ontario licensing arrangement for library automation software that provides significant price and service benefits only available to ECNO member School Boards.

The L4U product suite, in production since 1985, is already in use by a number of ECNO Boards and, based on this success, others have expressed interest in it. George Barnard, Executive Director of ECNO, emphasizes, "ECNO member Boards benefit on two levels: first by having access to a proven library automation system currently used in Ontario School Boards; and, secondly by the ECNO advantage of cooperative buying power which ensures the lowest possible cost." "L4U allows students to access library resources easily through web-based, intuitive screens suitable for everyone from the youngest to the most sophisticated user," said Braden Messenger, Vice President, L4U division. "Librarians and teachers are able to keep tabs on resources, print reports, circulate items, and so much more. L4U is library automation made easy."

Steve Thompson, President & CEO, SRB Education Solutions Inc., adds, "Although L4U is not Student Information System (SIS) dependent, the dimension of integrating L4U with Trillium, SRB's market-leading SIS, adds an easy-to-use component to the growing education solutions arm of StarDyne Technologies. ECNO and SRB continue to forge key solutions at the best possible price to Ontario schools."

Through this agreement, ECNO member Boards benefit from volume purchase options enabling these districts to automate their school libraries with the award-winning L4U library automation software.

About Educational Computing Network of Ontario - www.ecno.org

The Educational Computing Network of Ontario (ECNO) has been at the forefront of addressing technology issues in education for the past two decades. ECNO is an independent information technology co-operative, wholly owned and managed by its Ontario School Board members.

About SRB Education Solutions Inc. - www.srbeducationsolutions.com

SRB Education Solutions Inc. has served the education community for over 25 years and is the leader in supplying Student and Financial Information Systems in Canada with over 125 school boards and thousands of schools using their products across the country. SRB Education Solutions is a member of the StarDyne Technologies Group.

About StarDyne Technologies Inc. - www.stardynetech.com

StarDyne Technologies Inc. is a technology company which focuses on the local government and education areas of the public sector, and offers, through its group companies, alternative or complimentary software solutions to satisfy customer requirements. Based in Kelowna BC, StarDyne has invested in excess of \$25Million over the past seven years in its companies through acquisitions, R&D, product development and market expansion.

About Library 4 Universal

The L4U division of SRB develops, publishes, and markets the Library 4 Universal™ (L4U) library software for both Windows and Macintosh systems. This product is sold to Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) schools as well as media/resource management centers throughout Canada and the United States.

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SRB Education Solutions Inc. Acquires Kelowna Software Ltd.

Aug. 27, 2008 – Markham, Ontario SRB Education Solutions Inc. is pleased to announce the acquisition of Kelowna Software Ltd. of Kelowna, British Columbia.

SRB Education Solutions has served the education community for over 25 years and is the leader in supplying Student and Financial Information Systems in Canada with over 125 school boards and thousands of schools using their products across the country. SRB Education Solutions is a member of the StarDyne Technologies Group. The addition of Kelowna Software Ltd. and the Library 4 Universal (L4U) Product Suite allows SRB to move forward in its growth strategy aimed at offering a broad range of complementary and integrated solutions to education customers across North America.

With over 20 years experience in the industry, Kelowna Software Ltd. is the largest provider of library automation software in Canada. Kelowna Software's L4U is recognized as a world leader in library management software. This state of the art product has continually led the industry operating both on the Macintosh and Windows platforms. Purchased primarily by Kindergarten to Grade 12 (K-12) schools, L4U can be found in over 2,300 schools, school districts, media/resource management centers and specialty libraries throughout Canada, the United States and overseas.

"Adding Kelowna Software and the L4U Product Suite to our portfolio will allow us to offer a more complete range of solutions to the customers and markets that we serve" said Steve Thompson, President and CEO of SRB. "Kelowna Software has done a great job of building market share in its chosen markets; staff will continue, as SRB employees, to enhance the products that have brought that success. As the L4U division of SRB they can leverage SRB's market presence and technical strength to expand that success even further".

"We are all very excited by the opportunity this partnership of staff and products represents" agreed Braden Messenger, former CEO of Kelowna Software, and now Vice President of the L4U division of SRB. "Our access to technical, marketing and financial resources has increased significantly, which will translate into even better products and service for our customers. Being part of SRB also gives us preferred access to their substantial customer base."

"SRB Education Solutions represents the cornerstone in StarDyne Technologies' strategy to build a strong

presence in the North American K-12 education sector” added David Burke, CEO of StarDyne Technologies Inc. “The acquisition of Kelowna Software continues to build our strength in the education sector. We’re getting a great product in L4U, and we’re adding some terrific staff with many years experience in the K-12 market. We are very pleased that Kelowna Software is joining the StarDyne family”.

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New Show Me Training Feature!

Feb. 12, 2008 – Kelowna, BC - Kelowna Software Ltd., developers of the award winning library automation system, **Library 4 Universal™ (L4U)**, are excited to announce our greatest **L4U** Training Product to date called **Show Me!**

Show Me is available as a subscription to **L4U Platinum 2.0** and will allow for the delivery of streaming help and training videos in focused areas of **L4U**. For example, **Show Me** will demonstrate and guide you through inventory, how to create barcode labels, custom reports, importing new client lists, how to customize the iPAC interface for your patrons, plus much more! The **Show Me** videos are accessed directly from within the specific modules of the **L4U** interface.

[Click here to view a demonstration video of Show Me](#)

To receive a personalized quote for a subscription to **Show Me** please contact us toll free at **1-800-667-3634** or via email at Info@L4U.com, or simply [click on this link](#) to login and get a quote immediately.

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The Evolution of Library Automation

January 25, 2008 – Kelowna, BC - Kelowna Software Ltd., developers of the award winning library automation system, **Library 4 Universal™ (L4U)**, are excited to announce our greatest major upgrade to date, **L4U Platinum 2.0 will be available for download Friday January 25, 2008.**

A suite of innovative features have been introduced to the **L4U iPAC (Internet Public Access Catalog)** including automatic spell check when searching, alternative search suggestions, weighted search results, suggested Author's, easy page navigation, keyword highlighting and customizable displays are all some of the new intuitive features included in **L4U Platinum 2.0.**

L4U Platinum 2.0 is focused on bringing Patrons and Resources Together. **“To support this vision we have introduced many industry-leading features that help patrons find the resources they need in a way that is easy, fun and effective”** says Braden Messenger, President, Kelowna Software Ltd.

New features for the Librarian include secure advanced access to the database from any standard HTML browser. This includes complete client management which allows authorized users to add, modify and delete patrons all through a web based interface. New online reporting functions allow the user to print or e-mail bibliographic reports. Of course, all of these new patron and administrative features are available in English, French and Spanish.

To help users with the new features and functions we are proud to introduce with **Platinum 2.0** a new product called **Show Me. Show Me** is available as an add-on to **L4U Platinum 2.0** and will allow for the delivery of streaming help and training videos in focused areas of the product. For example, **Show Me** help videos will demonstrate; how to make barcode labels or how to customize your iPAC for your patrons. The **Show Me** videos are accessed directly from within the specific modules of the **L4U** interface.

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L4U Platinum 2.0 scheduled for release in 2008

August 17, 2007 – Kelowna, BC - Kelowna Software Ltd., developers of the award winning library automation system, **Library 4 Universal™ (L4U)** announced the impending release of **L4U Platinum 2.0.**

L4U Platinum 2.0 is a major upgrade to the **L4U Platinum** product line. **Platinum 2.0** is focused on bringing Patrons and reading together. Providing Native OS support for Microsoft Vista, easier MARC record handling as well as new web administration functions such as client maintenance, this upgrade is filled with powerful yet easy to use features for you and your Patrons.

New iPAC tools such as automatic spell checking, weighted results, suggested searches, alternative word suggestions, and a new Easy Search will make it easier for Patrons to find resources in one simple to use, customizable interface.

“When we develop our software we want to focus on getting resources directly into the hands of patrons” says Braden Messenger, President and CEO of Kelowna Software Ltd. **“This Major Upgrade of L4U**

Platinum will do exactly that, by helping patrons through the searching process.”

To learn more about this release visit www.L4U.com/2.0. From here you can view multimedia demo's of the software and request pricing.

Customers who have a preferred support package in place during the release of Platinum 2.0 will automatically receive this Major Upgrade at no charge, all other current support holders can pre-purchase this upgrade before September 30, 2007 and receive \$169.00 off of the \$499.00 upgrade price.

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L4U Platinum Scheduled for Release January 19, 2006

December 15, 2005 – Kelowna, BC - The year 2006 is a significant milestone for Kelowna Software Ltd. We are celebrating our Twentieth Anniversary by releasing a major upgrade to the Library 4 Universal™ (L4U) family of library automation software. L4U Platinum, L4U iPAC Platinum and CheckMARC Platinum will be released on January 19, 2006.

From modest beginnings in 1985 to becoming a leader in the library automation industry, our company has always focused on making Library Automation Easy! “The success of this very important year of maturation was built on the loyalty and valuable input of our customers,” says Braden Messenger, President & CEO of Kelowna Software Ltd.

iPAC Platinum

iPAC Platinum provides students, teachers and librarians with dynamic and easy to use web based tools which will allow them to search resources quickly and easily. Simple administrative tasks such as circulation, renewals, reserves and bookings can now be performed from any standard HTML browser by the way of secure login functionality.

CheckMARC Platinum

CheckMARC Platinum will save the cataloger valuable time by instantly searching for records simultaneously from the Amazon and Library of Congress websites, as well as our own CheckMARC subscription database. In one search you will be presented with MARC records and additional information such as book covers for display in L4U and in your online catalog.

L4U Platinum

L4U Platinum has the capability to work on both Macintosh and Windows simultaneously, while providing our customers with a totally integrated library automation system that has all the tools necessary to manage the day-to-day tasks of a library with ease. L4U Platinum is easy to use, innovative and embraces industry standards for screen layouts, navigation and controls.

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Kelowna Software Ltd. is the Automation Leader of School Libraries

Throughout the Province of Manitoba

Nov 8, 2005 - Kelowna, BC - In June of 2005, the Instructional Resources Unit of Manitoba Education, Citizenship, and Youth published Automated Library Systems in Manitoba Schools, a report compiled to assist Manitoba school decision-makers and school library personnel with plans to automate their libraries.

The Automated Library Systems in Manitoba Schools report is a provincial publication that details the findings of a June 2005 survey of Manitoba school libraries. The report indicates whether or not a school currently has a library automation system in place, the type of automated library system used, and whether the library's cataloging system is school based, division based, or both.

Kelowna Software Ltd. was pleased to find that the Automated Library Systems in Manitoba Schools report showed Library 4 Universal™ (L4U) to be, decidedly, the most widely used library automation application throughout the province. To view the full report, visit: <http://www.edu.gov.mb.ca>.

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2005 Media & Methods Awards Portfolio Winner

May 04, 2005 - Kelowna, BC - In May 2005, Media & Methods Magazine will publish its highly respected AWARDS PORTFOLIO for the K-12 school marketplace. Cream-of-the-crop products have been announced for inclusion in this year's AWARDS PORTFOLIO by a team of chosen educators serving as judges from across the United States. Kelowna Software's Library 4 Universal (L4U) is proud to be selected for this prestigious award for the third consecutive year in a row.

The AWARDS PORTFOLIO recognizes, celebrates and features outstanding educational products, systems and services. It honours the commitment and creativity of the producers who are making meaningful contributions to excellence in K-12 schools nationwide. Competition for this honour was evaluated using a set of objective criteria. These assessments include: interest level, clarity of educational objectives, user friendliness, and overall strengths and weaknesses.

"When we develop our software we want to ensure that we are helping kids improve literacy by providing easy access to all resources. Teachers need to easily manage their inventory and parents want to be able to find out what skills their children are learning." says Braden Messenger, President and C.E.O. of Kelowna Software Ltd. "For all these reasons we are proud to be a leader in our industry and to be recognized for three consecutive years by the esteemed publication and judges for the Media & Methods Awards Portfolio."

Kelowna Software Ltd. is the largest vendor of school library automation software in Canada, with over 20 years experience in the industry.

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L4U is the Library Automation Software of Choice for the FNEESC

November 24, 2003 - Kelowna, B.C. - Kelowna Software Ltd. is proud to welcome member schools of the First Nations Education Steering Committee (FNEESC). FNEESC members have chosen Library 4 Universal™ (L4U) as the library automation system of choice for all their library needs. After a comprehensive evaluation, L4U has proven once again to be a leader in library management software.

Kelowna Software Ltd. is the largest vendor of school library automation software in Canada, with over 18 years of experience. It is with great pleasure that they contribute to taking these schools to the next level; library automation. Kelowna Software provides a wide range of services from Web based training to phone support to ensure their clients and new users are supported every step of the way! Kelowna Software acts as an invaluable resource during the library automation process.

Kelowna Software's mission statement is: "To provide superior library automation software that is easy to use, innovative and responsive to our customers' need".

About First Nations Education Steering Committee

Established in 1992, the FNEESC is a non-profit organization in its tenth year of operation. The FNEESC was created to "facilitate discussion about education matters affecting First Nations in BC by disseminating information and soliciting input from First Nations." Approximately forty-five First Nations education technicians from throughout British Columbia provide overall direction for the Steering Committee's activities.

Supported by a BC Strategic Action Committee (SAC) and the Aboriginal Languages and Special Needs Sub-Committees, the FNEESC also provides administrative support to the First Nations Schools Association (FNSEA), Indian Studies Support Program (ISSP), and Indigenous Adult and Higher Learning Association (IAHLA).

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Catholic Curriculum Cooperative: Hundreds of Thousands of Dollars Saved in Automating District Libraries

November 14, 2003 Kelowna, B.C. - The Catholic Curriculum Cooperative (C.C.C.) in Mississauga, Ontario continues its partnership with Kelowna Software Ltd., from a one year initiative that has already saved the consortium close to four hundred thousand dollars.

In September 2002, following a careful screening process, the C.C.C. initiated a group purchase of Kelowna Software's top rated library automation software Library 4 Universal™ (L4U) for its member schools. Since the initiative's commencement, 96 schools from Catholic district boards have participated in this project and saved over \$380,000.00.

For the next three years, each of these district boards is guaranteed to benefit from equal level pricing, enabling these districts to continue to cost-effectively automate their school libraries with the award winning L4U library automation software.

Kelowna Software Ltd. is proud to work in partnership with the Catholic Curriculum Cooperative and, through school library management, to support the C.C.C.'s mission to uphold school improvement and student development.

About Catholic Curriculum Cooperative - www.catholic-curr-coop.org

The Catholic Curriculum Cooperative is a consortium of seventeen member Catholic school boards across central and western Ontario, consisting of over 1,110 schools and 500,000 students. The Catholic Curriculum Cooperative is dedicated to engaging with, and supporting, their member boards in continuous, effective school improvement and student growth.

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Rainbow District School Board: Access to Resources Increased with Implementation of L4U

November 14, 2003 Kelowna, B.C. - Kelowna Software Ltd., developers of the award winning library automation software Library 4 Universal™ (L4U), is pleased to enter into a relationship with the Rainbow District School Board in Sudbury, Ontario to provide their school libraries with a powerful, fully integrated, easy-to-use, and economical solution to library automation.

Following a thorough evaluation process of several nationally known library automation systems, the Rainbow District School Board selected for its schools Kelowna Software's top rated L4U software, with contributing

factors for the decision including:

- The cost-effective implementation of L4U
- L4U's ability to provide students with unlimited library catalog access via the Internet
- Facilities to convert data from the schools' legacy automation software
- L4U's capability to operate in a Windows and Macintosh cross-platform environment
- L4U's functionality of central cataloging
- Ongoing support and services

Kelowna Software Ltd. is very excited by the opportunity this project provides, and supports the district board's vision in addressing the needs of its students and increasing the students' potential.

About Rainbow School District

The Rainbow District School Board is based in Sudbury, Ontario, consisting of over 50 schools and 16,658 students within the Sudbury, Espanola and Manitoulin Island regions. The Rainbow District School Board is committed to providing rock solid, quality education and addressing the needs of its students, enabling them to maximize their potential as productive and satisfied members in a global community.

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National U.S. Purchasing Organization Partners with Kelowna Software Ltd.

June 11, 2003 - KELOWNA, B.C. - Kelowna Software Ltd. is pleased to announce that Catholic Purchasing Services, serving over 40,000 institutions in the United States, has partnered with Kelowna Software Ltd. to offer their award winning library automation software Library 4 Universal™ (L4U) at a reduced cost.

The decision was made by a review committee comprised of the organization's Division Managers and President. To assist in the evaluation process, the committee consulted with numerous long-term L4U sites, in conjunction with institutions presently evaluating library automation software.

Following the review committee's careful screening of several nationally known library automation systems, Catholic Purchasing Services found that Kelowna Software's L4U offered the highest quality library automation system and met the special needs of religious institutions throughout the United States. The agreement was signed earlier this month, which is effective immediately. "All of us at Kelowna Software Ltd. are very excited by the tremendous opportunity that this agreement provides. We will improve access to resources, reduce operational costs and improve overall efficiency in countless libraries throughout the United States. These institutions will clearly benefit from the addition of our award-winning L4U software, at unprecedented savings," said Braden Messenger, Kelowna Software's President.

Library 4 Universal™ (L4U) is recognized as a world leader in library automation software. L4U is the recent winner of Media & Methods' Awards Portfolio 2003. This state of the art product has continually led the industry with capabilities to operate both on Windows and Macintosh platforms. The Kelowna Software product is not only being used extensively in Canada and the United States, but throughout the world in such areas as China, Australia, Romania, and Italy.

About Catholic Purchasing Services - www.catholicpurchasing.org

Catholic Purchasing Services (formerly the National Catholic Group Purchasing Association) is a not-for-profit corporation headquartered in Newton, Massachusetts. Catholic Purchasing Services provides purchasing services to Catholic and other religious institutions throughout the United States, helping them save time and money on a wide variety of furniture, equipment, supplies, and services. It generates savings by consolidating the buying power of over 40,000 Catholic institutions and negotiating with quality suppliers to obtain substantial volume discounts for these institutions.

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The AWARDS PORTFOLIO recognizes, celebrates and features outstanding educational products, systems and services. It honours the commitment and creativity of the producers who are making meaningful contributions to excellence in K-12 schools nationwide. Judges make product selections based on: Comprehensiveness, Versatility for Different Abilities, Ease of Use, Innovativeness, Level of Motivation, Interest, Strengths and Weaknesses.

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Kelowna Software Ltd. Helps Young Boy's Dream Become Reality

Kelowna, B.C. - Kelowna Software Ltd., developers of Library 4 Universal™ (L4U) for school libraries, encourages young students to excel in studies and computers.

The Diamond Library, in Bolton, Ontario, is the private home library of Mr. Michael Diamantides and his 11-year old son Nicholas. Nicholas, with a fascination for books and technology, had been interested in developing his own library. An active volunteer at his school library, the 11-year old enquired about the L4U software his school uses, set up his computer and accessed the Internet to obtain a demonstration CD of L4U. Nicholas was further encouraged to catalogue his books when Mr. Diamantides purchased barcode labels for him. Meanwhile, the 11-year old had been diligently saving his money to purchase his own L4U system.

Having heard of the 11-year old's dedication and determination, Kelowna Software Ltd. decided to help Nicholas achieve his dream by contributing a fully-functional copy of Kelowna Software Ltd.'s L4U software, in addition to its CheckMARC application (used to help with the cataloguing of books) and one year of free support.

"Kelowna Software Ltd. is very proud and excited to contribute its L4U software to The Diamond Library. The company takes pride in improving access to resources for children, and can think of no better way to accomplish this task than to help this young, talented boy set up his own library" states company President Braden Messenger.

The Diamond Library currently has over 1000 books in its collection.

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