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IONA AND ALTOVA BUNDLE XMLBUS AND XMLSPY IN A PRODUCT PARTNERSHIP THAT SIMPLIFIES WEB SERVICES CREATION AND DEPLOYMENT

New Partnership Offers Award-Winning Orbix E2A XMLBus and World's Leading XML Developer Environment - XMLSPY 5 on the Altova Online Shop

Waltham, MA and Beverly, MA – December 16, 2002- IONA®, the leading e-Business Platform provider for Web Services Integration (NASDAQ: IONA), and Altova, the leading provider of XML development tools, today announced a strategic partnership that will include the bundling of Altova's XMLSPY 5 with IONA's Orbix E2A™ XMLBus™.

IONA's Orbix E2A™ XMLBus provides a software infrastructure platform for the development, deployment, integration and management of secure Web services to support the integration of business applications within the enterprise. Altova's XMLSPY 5 supports the visual design, editing and validation of XML documents, WSDL, XML schema and XSLT stylesheets, which are core XML infrastructure technologies required to enable Web services.

Using these products together, a software developer can quickly and easily create and deploy Web services using either legacy code written in CORBA™, EJB™ or Java through the use of WSDL auto-generation utilities, or develop a new Web service application using visual tools for building WSDL and XML Schema. This flexibility in development creates previously unavailable opportunities for organizations to realize return on resource and technology investment, as well as improved extensibility of new XML-based applications.

"Our customers are actively building Web services applications using XMLSPY's award winning WSDL editing and SOAP debugging facilities," said Alexander Falk, president and CEO of Altova, Inc. "Our new partnership and product bundling with IONA is an essential step in enabling the XMLSPY developer community of over 700,000 registered users to build and deploy next generation Web services for application integration in production environments."

"Many of IONA's customers, and IONA's own internal engineering team, use and value Altova's XMLSPY 5," said Joseph Schwartz, vice president of product management at IONA. "XMLSPY's WSDL and XML Schema editor abstract away the complexities of underlying XML syntax and provide a sensible, top-down approach to architecting Web

services applications. Furthermore, XMLSPY's SOAP debugging capabilities augments IONA developer productivity by providing an advanced Web service testing and debugging console for Orbix E2A XMLBus."

"The Altova and IONA product bundle provides XML developers a complete and economical solution for developing and implementing Web services from scratch or using legacy applications – a level of flexibility that is invaluable for today's developers," said Bob Sandie, vice president of global alliances at IONA. "We are thrilled to be working with Altova and offering this suite of Web services development and integration tools through Altova's Online Shop, one of the premier developer focused e-commerce websites on the Internet."

Pricing and Download information:

The IONA Orbix E2A XMLBus and Altova XMLSPY 5 product bundle is available immediately for purchase at the Altova Online Shop on the Web at: www.altova.com/order. The product bundling includes XMLSPY 5 Enterprise Edition and a one-year development license for the Orbix E2A XMLBus for a discounted price of \$1399. After completing the order information, customers will receive a product key via email that can then be used to activate the product bundle. A free trial version of XMLSPY Enterprise Edition can be downloaded from www.altova.com/download. For more information about the new product bundling, please visit www.altova.com/iona.

About Altova

Altova is a leading provider of XML software development tools with offices in Beverly, MA and headquarters in Vienna, Austria. The privately held company was founded in 1992 and has been actively involved in the XML market from the early conception of XML. Altova's XMLSPY is the leading choice of all Fortune 500 and Global 1,000 companies, with over 700,000 registered users worldwide. Altova is a member of the **World Wide Web Consortium (W3C)** and the **Web Services Interoperability Consortium (WS-I)**. Visit Altova on the Web at <http://www.altova.com>

About IONA

IONA is the leading e-Business Platform provider for Web Services Integration with more than 4,500 customers worldwide. IONA Orbix E2A™, which consists of the award-winning Orbix E2A Web Services Integration Platform and Orbix E2A Application Server Platform, enables the flow of information across disparate systems and the liberation of application assets for new business opportunities.

Founded in 1991, IONA® (NASDAQ: IONA) is headquartered in Dublin, Ireland, with U.S. headquarters in Waltham, Massachusetts and offices worldwide. For additional information about IONA, visit our Web site at <http://www.iona.com>.

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