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Ahead of the Class: WSA Partners with SQLSoft+ to Provide Discounted IT Training for its Members

Large Selection of Reduced-Cost Courses Available

SEATTLE – (June 6, 2007) – The WSA, the state’s oldest and largest technology trade organization, today announced its new partnership with SQLSoft+ to offer high-level information technology (IT) training courses to its members at a reduced rate.

The discounted classes support the WSA’s initiative to meet the needs of local IT professionals by providing them with an immediate and valuable member benefit. The organization also unveiled a new membership category this month that is specifically designed for IT professionals who serve either the commercial or public sectors.

“We are thrilled to partner with SQLSoft+ to deliver some of the best IT training offered in this state – at a substantial discount off of the regular cost – to our growing roster of members,” said Ken Myer, President and CEO of the WSA. “We are deeply committed to serving IT professionals across Washington state, and this partnership is just the start of our ongoing efforts to meet that goal.”

SQLSoft+ offers the largest selection of business and IT classes in the Pacific Northwest. More than 45,000 IT professionals from at least 5,600 of the leading companies and organizations around the world have trained with SQLSoft+.

Thanks to the new partnership, all WSA members can receive a negotiated discount off of the retail price on more than 30 SQLSoft+ classes offered in Bellevue, WA, and Beaverton, Ore. The discounted courses include Linux, Windows Vista, SharePoint 2007 and Exchange training, among others.

“We pride ourselves on keeping our participants at the cutting edge of their field,” said Steve Brugger, President of SQLSoft+. “Our instructors have the knowledge and real-world experience to help their students tackle extremely complex subjects. We are excited to provide this service at a reduced rate to WSA members, many of whom will undoubtedly shape the direction of the technology industry in this state for decades to come.”

The WSA announced its new partnership with SQLSoft+ during a monthly dinner meeting at the Westin Hotel in Seattle.

About the WSA

Founded in 1984, WSA is Washington’s technology association with over 1,000 member companies representing more than 100,000 software, Internet, telecommunications and technology company employees. The WSA is a catalyst for industry connections and provides members with key business services. As a voice for Washington’s technology

industry, the WSA leads the advocacy of issues necessary to grow Washington State's impact as a leader in the digital economy. WSA's Global sponsors are Davis Wright Tremaine LLP, Laird Norton Tyee, Microsoft, Regence BlueShield, The Hartford, and Wells Fargo Insurance Services. WSA's Funding sponsors are AH&T Insurance, Comerica, and Google. For more information, please see www.wsa.org.

About SQLSoft+

SQLSoft+ is the gold standard in technology training for IT professionals. Based in Bellevue, WA, it has training facilities throughout the Northwest and manages the event/training rooms at the Microsoft Partner Solutions Center on the Microsoft campus in Redmond, WA. SQLSoft+ also provides onsite training for clients throughout the U.S., Europe, and Asia. Microsoft frequently works with SQLSoft+ to create content and provide training for key products and campaigns and has selected SQLSoft+ as its first Gold Certified Partner for Learning Solutions in the Western Region. For more information, visit www.sqlsoft.com or call 800.775.9905.

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