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GDS America Earns ISV Competency In the Microsoft Partner Program

Houston, Texas -- April 4, 2005 -- **Global Distribution Systems America, Inc.** (GDS America), today announced it has added to its certified status in the Microsoft Partner Program which reinforces the **GDS America** commitment to expertise and impact in the technology marketplace. As a Certified Partner, **GDS America** has demonstrated expertise with Microsoft technologies and proven ability to meet customer needs. Microsoft Certified Partners receive a rich set of benefits, including access, training and support that give them a competitive advantage in the marketplace.

“Only companies that have demonstrated high levels of customer service, proved their experience and attained advanced certification receive the designation of Microsoft Certified Partner,” said Allison Watson, vice president of the Worldwide Partner Sales and Marketing Group at Microsoft Corp. “Today, Microsoft recognizes **GDS America** for its skills and expertise in providing customer satisfaction with Microsoft products and technology.”

Enhancing their certified status, **GDS America** has earned a Microsoft Competency. Microsoft Competencies are designed to help differentiate a partner’s capabilities with specific Microsoft technologies to customers looking for a particular type of solution. Each competency has a unique set of requirements and benefits, formulated to accurately represent the specific skills and services that partners bring to the technology industry.

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The Microsoft ISV Software Solutions Competency recognizes the skill and focus partners bring to a particular solution set. Microsoft Partners that have obtained this competency have a record of developing and marketing packed software based on Microsoft technologies. “We are extremely pleased and honored to have earned the ISV competency in the Microsoft Partner Program,” said Rick Baldwin, President. “The benefits provided through our certified membership and the ISV competency will serve to further strengthen our commitment to enhancing our offerings for our customers,” stated Baldwin. **GDS America** has developed and markets “add on” products for the Microsoft Business Solutions – Navision supply chain product line. “Our Computer Maintenance Management System, Property Management and Field Service and Dispatch products help us satisfy specific business needs in specific industry segments” commented Baldwin.

The Microsoft Partner Program was launched in December 2003 and represents Microsoft’s ongoing commitment to the success of partners worldwide. The Microsoft Partner Program offers a single, integrated partnering framework that recognizes partner expertise while rewarding the total impact partners have in the technology marketplace and delivers more value to help partners’ businesses be successful.

With offices in the United States, Canada, Europe and the Middle East, **GDS America** is an international provider of integrated business solutions specializing in applications and services for the manufacturing, distribution, maintenance, service, construction, finance and property management business segments. From financial management and business analytics to advanced supply chain management and e-business, the integrated solutions provided by **GDS America** allow customers to capture,

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organize, share and leverage critical business information across their company, as well as with their key partners and customers.

The solutions and services offered by **GDS America** are targeted at improving business operating efficiencies by providing total control over key processes. In every case, **GDS America** stands behind the solutions and services it delivers with outstanding support. So whether you're talking SCM, MRP, ERP, DRP, WMS, CRM, CMMS or EAMS, **GDS America** speaks your language.

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