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EQ2 AWARDED MICROSOFT GOLD CERTIFICATION

Designation puts Burlington, Vt. company among medical information technology's elite

Burlington, Vt. – Each patient admitted to a health care institution sets in motion a complicated chain of events and tasks to ensure that efficient, high quality care is successfully delivered. Burlington-based EQ2 supports the professionals who maintain critical equipment assets and resources and has just earned status as a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner for its equipment management software solutions.

EQ2's Gold Certification represents the highest level of competence and expertise with Microsoft technologies. Today's hospital is a multi-site environment wherein hundreds of scheduled equipment work orders are spread across hospitals, physician office buildings and cross-town surgery centers. In response to the complexity of these corporations, EQ2's HEMS Enterprise product suite provides real-time work progress tracking, web dashboard reporting and facility/biomedical equipment related activities in the field.

Tracking the work and equipment in plant, biomedical, housekeeping, security, telecommunications and other departments from one central system makes it easy to monitor these critical systems no matter the size or geography of the service department. The company's mobility solution, EQ2Mobile, supplies health care equipment professionals with an easy-to-use but powerful tool for capturing data and reviewing historical information while continuing to work wirelessly on-site, away from a desktop.

"The Gold Certification for ISV and Mobility Solutions means that EQ2 actually designed, developed and released enterprise level products that are tested, designed and certified for Microsoft Mobile and SQL Server," says Jim Smith, President of EQ2. "We didn't just hire Microsoft Certified Professionals and put out a shingle offering services. The software was developed in Vermont by EQ2 employees."

EQ2 followed an elaborate development process to receive Gold Certification. In addition to engineering the software, designing and building the platform and implementing it at the enterprise level within geographically dispersed hospital networks, a large part of the designation comes from customer satisfaction. The combination of EQ2's technical expertise, high competency for designing, building and implementing software, and superior customer service puts the company in an elite league of Microsoft Partners like the McKesson Corporation, Misys Healthcare Systems, and Philips Medical Systems Global PACS Business Unit.

"As an independent software vendor of the HEMS Enterprise Suite, Gold Certification was a must for EQ2," Smith continues. "The health care industry is an intricate one comprised of business operations that span cities and states. It requires the most sophisticated of equipment management solutions and we were able to build a top-quality product from the ground up that earned us recognition by the world's foremost software authority."

Prior to becoming a Gold Certified Partner, EQ2 was awarded Mobility Solution Competency. Microsoft Partners who attain the Mobility Solutions Competency have proven their proficiency in developing and deploying Windows Mobile-based solutions and applications using Microsoft tools and software. This includes Mobility independent software vendors, systems integrators, Mobility custom application developers, consultants and Mobile Solutions resellers.

EQ2's enterprise software is now at work in health systems that include Legacy Health and Adventist Health Systems and individual hospitals that include: Cooley Dickinson Hospital in Northampton, Mass., Sibley Memorial Hospital in Washington, D.C., and St. Francis Medical Center in Trenton, N.J., among hundreds of other medical facilities nationwide.

EQ2 is the leader in equipment management software and services. Customers at several hundred hospitals nationwide use EQ2 software every day. Only EQ2 offers leading data integration, healthcare specific implementation services, Microsoft Certified software and a comprehensive enterprise equipment intelligence platform. Since 1993, EQ2 has been giving hospitals around the country enterprise ready solutions – 24/7.

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