

Zix Corporation Signs \$450,000 Contract with One of the Nation's Leading Health Benefits Companies**Contract Includes Hosted Anti-Spam, Anti-Virus Services with Annual Renewal of Secure e-Messaging**

DALLAS — Dec. 12, 2003 — Zix Corporation (ZixCorp™), (Nasdaq: ZIXI), a global provider of protection, management, and delivery solutions for electronic communications, today announced a new contract with one of the largest publicly traded health benefits companies in the United States for hosted anti-spam and anti-virus services, along with a renewal of its secure e-messaging contract. The contracts, which together have a value of \$450,000 on an annual basis, will provide protection services to more than 20,000 employees.

ZixCorp will provide anti-spam and anti-virus services for the organization through ZixMessage Inspector™, which will be hosted in the ZixSecure Center™, ZixCorp's world-class data center. As a hosted and managed service, ZixMessage Inspector operates outside the company's network and acts as a forward perimeter defense against external email threats, protects the customer's network, increases worker productivity, and reduces wasted network bandwidth. Ongoing administration, upgrades, and maintenance become the responsibility of ZixCorp so that the company can remain focused on its core business. The service also provides real-time updates to virus and spam definitions and content scanning lexicons, thus ensuring the highest level of protection available.

In addition to the purchase of ZixMessage Inspector, the customer has renewed its contract for secure e-messaging services using ZixVPM® (Virtual Private Messenger) and ZixPort™. ZixVPM is an enterprise-wide solution that provides policy-driven secure email to ensure complete interoperability with other organizations whether they currently use ZixCorp services or not. ZixPort provides the health benefit company's more than 10 million members with private and secure communications capabilities through a branded secure Web portal. By protecting patient information sent via email, this leading payor is working to comply with the privacy requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

The entire service is operated within the ZixSecure Center, a SysTrust™ certified, fully redundant network operations center dedicated to secure e-message processing with a demonstrated 99.99% availability. Organizations like this one recognize that ZixCorp delivers the expertise and dedicated resources necessary to best address risk and cost, enabling the company to focus on more strategic initiatives.

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"This is a validation of our recent product growth strategy," said John Ryan, chairman, president, and CEO of ZixCorp. "In just a few months since our recent acquisition of the Web Inspector and Message Inspector products, our existing secure e-messaging customers are already adopting and benefiting from our new anti-spam and anti-virus offerings. ZixMessage Inspector is clearly one of the leading anti-spam and content filtering solutions available in the market. We are uniquely positioned to offer our full portfolio of solutions hosted, on-site, or co-sourced.

"We now have three of the top six payors in the country, all of which have renewed, and more than a third of all the Blue Cross and Blue Shield licensees," continues Ryan. "This, combined with over a hundred of the leading provider hospitals from across the country, has resulted in ZixCorp becoming the leader in secure messaging for healthcare."

About Zix Corporation

Zix Corporation (ZixCorp™) is a global provider of e-messaging protection and transaction services. ZixCorp offers a range of solutions to protect organizations from viruses, spam, and electronic attack, as well as enabling secure electronic communications, such as email encryption and e-prescribing. ZixCorp helps organizations of any size to streamline operations, mitigate risks, and leverage the efficiencies of e-messaging. For more information, visit www.zixcorp.com.

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