

**Zix Corporation Provides Secure e-Messaging Services to CHRISTUS Health****Top-ten Catholic health system signs three-year contract for full suite of ZixCorp email protection services**

**DALLAS — March 16, 2004** — Zix Corporation (ZixCorp™), (Nasdaq: ZIXI), a global provider of e-messaging protection and transaction services, today announced that Texas-based CHRISTUS Health, one of the largest Catholic health systems in the country with more than 40 hospitals and long-term care facilities in more than 70 cities, has selected ZixCorp to meet its secure e-messaging needs. CHRISTUS signed a three-year contract that includes the purchase of ZixVPM®, ZixPort™, and six ZixAuditor® assessments to help the organization meet the security regulations of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

CHRISTUS Health, which employs more than 25,000 associates and has more than 8,000 physicians on its medical staffs, will deploy ZixVPM (Virtual Private Messenger) to encrypt email messages system-wide for inbound and outbound communications. The service includes a built-in HIPAA lexicon that recognizes Protected Health Information (PHI) to ensure compliance and patient confidentiality. ZixPort will provide custom branding and encrypted messaging capability to CHRISTUS Health's Web site. The organization will also conduct two ZixAuditor email assessments a year to ensure ongoing e-messaging compliance and efficiency.

"We were impressed not only with the quality and ease of use of ZixCorp's services, but also with the sophistication of its operations center," said George Conklin, senior vice president and CIO for CHRISTUS Health. "Meeting HIPAA regulations is important, but we were not going to compromise the integrity of our email communications. Maintaining efficiency and an uninterrupted mail flow is imperative, and ZixCorp provides the capacity and stability to make sure it happens."

Prior to signing the contract, CHRISTUS conducted intense vulnerability testing on the ZixSecure Center™. The SysTrust™-certified data center ensures seamless delivery of all e-messaging and has the capacity, scalability, and infrastructure to support encryption keys for every email address in the world. The center includes continuous fully redundant operations, the capacity for over two million emails per hour, multiple ISPs, dual uninterruptible power supplies, and proven 99.99 percent reliability.

"Our ZixSecure Center is truly a world-class operation. It's a stable, secure, and highly

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responsive environment and we encourage our customers and prospects to see that for themselves,” said Dennis Heathcote, vice president of sales and marketing for ZixCorp. “As one of the top ten Catholic health systems in the country, it was important that CHRISTUS take advantage of what we think is the best data center and best email protection services available.”

### **About CHRISTUS Health**

Sponsored jointly by the Congregations of the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in Houston and the Sisters of Charity of the Incarnate Word in San Antonio, CHRISTUS Health is one of the largest Catholic health systems in the country, employing more than 25,000 people with total assets of \$3.4 billion. With a mission to extend the healing ministry of Jesus Christ, CHRISTUS Health comprises more than 40 hospitals and long-term care facilities, as well as dozens of other health services in more than 70 communities in Texas, Arkansas, Louisiana, Missouri, Oklahoma, Utah, and Mexico. CHRISTUS Health is headquartered in Dallas with additional offices operating in both San Antonio and Houston to support the health system operations. For more information, visit [www.christushealth.org](http://www.christushealth.org).

### **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](http://www.zixcorp.com).

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