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Zix Corporation Chosen by Berkshire Health Systems for System-wide Secure e-Messaging

Massachusetts healthcare and teaching hospital signs three-year contract for ZixVPM® and ZixPort® services

DALLAS — **Dec. 13, 2004** — Zix Corporation (ZixCorp[®]), (Nasdaq: ZIXI), a global provider of secure e-messaging, e-prescribing, and e-transaction applications and services, today announced that Berkshire Health Systems (BHS), a private, not-for-profit system that serves as the preeminent provider of healthcare services to Berkshire County and surrounding communities in Massachusetts, has selected ZixCorp solutions for system-wide email protection. The health system selected ZixCorp to assist with compliance of the secure email mandates of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

After conducting a ZixAuditor[®] email assessment, BHS signed a three-year contract for ZixVPM[®] (Virtual Private Messenger) and ZixPort[®] services to secure its inbound and outbound email communications for 2,000 users. ZixVPM will enforce email security policies to ensure secure handling of confidential data, including a pre-configured HIPAA lexicon that detects Protected Health Information (PHI). ZixPort will provide custom branding and encrypted messaging functionality to BHS's Web site.

"ZixCorp's strong relationship with Massachusetts healthcare providers was our initial reason for looking into its solutions, but once you see the advantages ZixCorp brings, the services sell themselves," said Chuck Podesta, chief information officer for BHS. "The speed of deployment, the HIPAA lexicons, and the interoperability with our existing systems made ZixCorp the best choice for us."

BHS purchased its solutions through ZixCorp's partner CynergisTek, a provider of tailored information security solutions.

"ZixCorp is a dominant provider in Massachusetts for both secure e-messaging and e-prescribing and we're proud of the momentum we're building in the state with the addition of BHS," said Rick Spurr, president and chief operating officer for ZixCorp. "CynergisTek did an excellent job spearheading this project and helping us continue our leadership position in secure communications for the healthcare sector."

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About Berkshire Health Systems

Berkshire Health Systems (BHS) is a private, not-for-profit system that serves as the preeminent provider of high quality, cost effective, and compassionate healthcare services to the people of and visitors to Berkshire County and surrounding communities. BHS affiliates provide a comprehensive array of healthcare services, from acute care to diagnostic centers, rehabilitation to cancer treatment services, home healthcare to long-term care, both day and inpatient surgical services, and much more. BHS accomplishes this through a broad network of affiliates, including two hospitals, a Visiting Nurse Association and association with the area's largest long-term care provider. For more information, visit http://www.berkshirehealthsystems.com/.

About CynergisTek

CynergisTek provides regulatory compliance solutions that enable its customers to answer the requirements of the OCC, GLBA, Sarbanes-Oxley, and HIPAA. CynergisTek also offers services in the areas of information security governance and security testing and provides technical solutions. CynergisTek is one of the few firms in the U.S. to have been designated as a qualified assessor for the Visa USA Cardholder Information Program (CISP) and as a third-party evaluator to conduct the security assessment of participants in the REALTOR® Secure Certification program. For more information, visit http://www.cynergistek.com/.

About Zix Corporation

Zix Corporation (ZixCorp[®]) is a global provider of secure e-messaging, e-prescribing, and e-transaction applications and 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, e-prescribing, and electronic lab orders and results. ZixCorp helps organizations of any size to streamline operations, reduce risks, and leverage the efficiencies of e-messaging. For more information, visit www.zixcorp.com.

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