

## **Winner Press Release:**

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***RDA Wins Integration Solution of the Year  
in Annual Microsoft Certified Partner Awards for Microsoft Certified  
Partners and Microsoft Certified Business Solutions Partners  
Award recognizes worldwide innovation using Microsoft technologies***

Baltimore, MD — October 14, 2003 — RDA Corporation today announced it was selected as a winner in the sixth annual Microsoft Certified Partner Awards in the Integration Solution of the Year, representing the Washington, D.C. region. The winner was selected from five worldwide finalists in the category by a panel of judges consisting of international and field partner representatives, Microsoft executives, Product Group managers, and Partner program managers. Overall, the awards competition was extremely competitive as more than 1000 entries were considered for awards in sixteen different categories.

“RDA Corporation won their category because of its innovative use of Microsoft technology to offer outstanding solutions to customers. Out of five very strong finalists, RDA stood out with their solution to meet their customer’s needs with Microsoft technology,” said Allison Watson, Vice President, Worldwide Partner Sales and Marketing Group at Microsoft. “We are very pleased to recognize RDA as a category winner.”

“This award is in recognition of our leadership in providing enterprise integration solutions for our clients. We won the award for the solution we

provided for Rydex Investments. Working together with their internal team, we designed and implemented a Microsoft BizTalk Server 2002-based system that allows Rydex to interface with numerous internal and external organizations. Our best practices in implementation, as well as good technical relationships with Microsoft allowed us to deliver this award-winning and mission critical solution,” said Don Awalt, RDA CEO.

“We’re pleased that RDA was recognized for the innovative solutions that they provided Rydex Investments.” Wayne Cobb, Rydex CIO. “RDA filled a critical gap in providing expertise and training related to BizTalk. They brought with them best practices in implementation as well as good technical relationships with Microsoft that allowed us to get quick, high quality solutions to technical issues when they arose.”

RDA, along with other category winners and finalists in each of the sixteen award categories, was honored at Microsoft’s Worldwide Partner Conference in New Orleans, LA on October 9<sup>th</sup>.

### **About the Microsoft Certified Partner and Microsoft Certified Business Solutions Partner Program**

Microsoft Certified Partners and Microsoft Certified Business Solutions Partners are independent companies that provide Microsoft-based end-to-end solutions and services to corporate, government, and small- or medium-sized businesses. All Microsoft Certified Partners and Microsoft Certified Business Solutions Partners maintain a staff of Microsoft Certified Professionals or have certified products that have been tested compatible with Microsoft’s Windows platform. Microsoft Certified Partners and Microsoft Certified Business Solutions Partners have access to a variety of resources to build their business including training, technical support, early access to Microsoft products, and peer-

networking.

## **About RDA**

RDA solves complex IT integration and security problems for business through custom software engineering. Since 1988, we've been successfully solving complex IT problems for such clients as Rydex Funds, Zurich North America, JPMorgan Chase, Raytheon, GMAC, Sallie Mae, Ernst & Young, CNA and NASD. RDA is a Microsoft Gold Certified partner in Commerce and Security Solutions and is also winner of Microsoft's 2003 Integration Solution of the Year award. Our corporate office is located in Baltimore, MD with additional offices in Atlanta, Chicago, Philadelphia and the Washington, D.C. area. For more information, visit [www.RDACorp.com](http://www.RDACorp.com).

## **About Rydex Investments**

Rydex Investments is the leader in developing specialized investments that are essential components of a modern portfolio. Through continuous innovation, Rydex anticipates the evolving needs of investors. Rydex is committed to helping investors and investment advisors maximize the value of our investing tools and strategies and to providing a level of customer service unparalleled in our industry. Rydex manages \$8 billion in assets via 34 mutual funds, Rydex S&P Equal Weighted ETF and Rydex SPhinX Fund — a hedge fund of funds.

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