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SYMANTEC, CHOICEPOINT, METAVANTE, OTHERS GATHER TO DISCUSS FINANCIAL SERVICES IT SOLUTIONS

May 17, 2006, Scottsdale, AZ – Technology executives from leading service providers to the financial services industry met here today at the inaugural meeting of The Santa Fe Group Vendor Council.

Executives from Symantec, ChoicePoint, Metavante, Carreker, Parascript and other major service providers attended the one-day meeting. American Express and Wells Fargo & Company led presentations and discussions. Industry association BITS and security consultancy Good Harbor Consulting also participated.

The Santa Fe Group Vendor Council was established in early 2006 to promote development of secure, best-in-class technology solutions for use in the financial services industry and beyond. The Santa Fe Group Vendor Council brings vendor intellectual capital together with IT strategy at top financial institutions. Through participation in meetings, workshops and other events, Santa Fe Group Vendor Council members gain unique opportunities to learn about the issues, concerns and solutions that are most important to financial industry technology leaders.

One topic of discussion was debit card fraud. "Debit card fraud is on the rise," said Catherine A. Allen, chairman and CEO of the New Mexico-based Santa Fe Group. "We're here to talk about this and other critical issues and how we can best engage our service providers to create solutions."

Allen is the founding CEO of Washington, DC-based industry association BITS. The Santa Fe Group is her private consulting company. For more information about The Santa Fe Group, visit www.santa-fe-group.com or write to susanna@santa-fe-group.com.

About The Santa Fe Group

The Santa Fe Group (www.santa-fe-group.com) is a strategic partner and preferred provider to BITS (www.bitsinfo.org). BITS is a nonprofit consortium whose members are 100 of the nation's largest financial institutions. The Santa Fe Group is a strategic consulting company providing expertise to clients on cyber

security, critical infrastructure protection, fraud reduction and payments strategies. Drawing from the most advanced thinking in the industry, our access to technology and security experts, and our deep knowledge of industry regulatory and legislative issues, we bring outstanding results to our clients.

The Santa Fe Group Vendor Council facilitates communication and innovation among financial services industry leaders and their partners at top IT service providers.

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