

Softshare Wins Early SOAP Framework Adopter Award

Softshare's successful participation in the ACORD SOAP Messaging Pilot earns the company recognition for its cutting-edge support of new XML-based business frameworks

SANTA BARBARA, CA. – May 24, 2004 – Softshare Inc., a provider of e-commerce products and services, announced today that it was awarded the ACORD 2004 Early SOAP Framework Adopter Award for its successful participation in the ACORD SOAP Messaging pilot. Softshare is accepting the award at the ACORD LOMA Insurance Systems Forum being held in Las Vegas today and tomorrow.

In the ACORD SOAP Messaging Pilot, Softshare exchanged ACORD business documents over HTTP using SOAP (Simple Object Access Protocol) with Attachments. The ACORD SOAP messaging framework is a specification that allows the transport of business documents, including attachments, throughout the insurance industry with real-time verification of receipt.

Softshare used its latest generation of e-commerce products, Softshare ECS™ 4.0 and Softshare Delta® 4.0 to build, test and deploy the pilot in a minimal amount of time, without any custom Java or .Net code. In this out-of-the-box, extensible solution, Softshare ECS is the communications platform and Delta is the content mapper. With the 4.0 release of these products, Softshare has moved its popular EDI and XML data integration suite into the domain of being a rapid-development environment for Web Services.

“Softshare has shown its leadership and commitment to the adoption of standards within the industry,” said Denise Garth, Vice President of ACORD Membership and Development. “Softshare is setting an example for the rest of the industry that we hope inspires others to join ACORD and begin their work with data standards.”

About ACORD

Based in New York, ACORD (Association for Cooperative Operations Research and Development) is a global, nonprofit insurance association whose mission is to facilitate the development and use of standards for the insurance, reinsurance and related financial services industries. ACORD accomplishes its mission by remaining an objective, independent advocate for sharing information among diverse platforms. Affiliated with ACORD are hundreds of insurance and reinsurance companies, and thousands of agents and brokers, related financial services organizations, software providers, and industry organizations worldwide.

About Softshare

Softshare (www.softshare.com) offers a multi-tiered approach to electronic commerce with EDI/XML software solutions that range from desktop applications to fully integrated server applications. Supporting these applications is Softshare's value-added network and accessible customer service. Headquartered in Santa Barbara, California, Softshare has more than 20,000 clients using its various network, software, and EC services. For more information, call 800-346-6703 or e-mail sales@softshare.com.

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