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**LEADTOOLS Document Imaging Developer's Toolkit Named Imaging and Document Solutions' 1999
Product of the Year**

Charlotte, NC (January 26, 2000) - LEAD Technologies, Inc., a LEADing provider of imaging development toolkits worldwide, announced today that it's Document Imaging developer's toolkit, LEADTOOLS Document Express, has been awarded the Imaging and Document Solutions Product of the Year Award for 1999.

To be considered for the Imaging and Document Solutions Product of the Year award, the product must be a leading-edge, innovative product. The Imaging and Document Solutions staff and contributing editors comb the market for new products in various categories that fully reached the market in 1999. Many of the products were tested in the lab or reviewed in detail first hand. The staff also talks to end users, integrators, service bureaus, non-competing vendors and most importantly analysts and industry experts.

Rich Little, president of LEAD, said, "This is a big win for us and we are all very happy to have been recognized for our Document Imaging development technology. This year, our goal has been to put an even greater emphasis on the support of our customers. To this end, we have included more requested functionality such as 48/64 bit imaging support, the addition of 1-D and 2-D barcode recognition technologies, advanced annotation additions and complete support of DICOM Communications for the medical industry. In addition, we have upgraded and extended our customer support website and the results have been highly praised by our customers."

In announcing the award given to LEADTOOLS, Imaging and Document Solutions' Editor-in-Chief, Doug Henschen writes, "Developers consistently compliment its comprehensiveness, ease of use and flexibility for server side and client side applications. LEADTOOLS' pricing is a plus for large-volume deployments, and the company receives high marks for its technical support."

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About LEAD Technologies, Inc.

Founded in 1990, LEAD grew out of years of research headed by Moe Daher to find a comprehensive compression standard for digital images. LEAD is now the world-leading supplier of imaging development toolkits, providing technology of the future, today. LEAD brings to the market the most innovative and technically superior products that provide the greatest possible value for its customers. LEAD's award winning imaging technology is chosen by Microsoft, Hewlett Packard, Intel, Boeing, Xerox and thousands of other companies for use in their high volume applications and internal systems.