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LEADTOOLS Receives VBxtras Thunderbolt Award for 1996-97

Orlando, FL (October 13, 1997) - The 1996-97 VBxtras Thunderbolt Awards were presented on October 13th at VBITS in Orlando. The VBxtras Thunderbolt Awards recognize excellence in Visual Basic add-on product development. LEADTOOLS, by LEAD Technologies, Inc., was awarded Best Design, Imaging, Mapping, or Multimedia Component or Utility. Developers worldwide were given the opportunity to vote over the last several months for their favorite products for the year via the VBxtras website. "I give the credit for the tremendous success of LEADTOOLS to our entire staff at LEAD Technologies, Inc. a quality team creating and maintaining a quality product", said Rich Little, president of LEAD.

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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.