The Linux Box Celebrates 10th Anniversary With Expansion of Offerings

Revenues Grew 17 Percent in 2008; New Client Wins Comprised 28 Percent of Growth

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ANN ARBOR, Mich., July 7 /PRNewswire/ -- The Linux Box, a professional services organization specializing in open source technology, is marking its ten-year anniversary by adding custom software products to its suite of services.

Founded in 1999, the Ann Arbor-based company is a bespoke software development consultancy that customizes open-source projects for blue chip clients such as McKesson, Harvard Management Company, Borders Group, FedEx and Answers.com. The Linux Box currently provides professional, commercial services for companies looking to gain competitive advantage, reduce IT costs and increase the control they have over their open source technologies.

"We have productized our business as a direct response to customer need," said Elizabeth Ziph, co-founder and chief executive officer. "We've leveraged the intellectual capital gained over the years through client consultation and software integration in order to create custom solutions. Not only does it satisfy a need voiced by our customers, it fills a void in the marketplace."

The Linux Box has shown steady growth in the last decade, continuing to expand in spite of the current economic climate. In the last year, The Linux Box enjoyed a 17-percent increase in revenue compared to 2007. New clients accounted for nearly 30-percent of the company's growth in a broad range of industries including oceanography, education and marketing.

The company is tapping its profits not only for research and development but also to give back to the open source community - more than 15 percent of revenue was used for this purpose in 2008. The Linux Box will be unveiling the first of its custom products in Q3 2009.

For more information about The Linux Box, or to obtain a quote for an open source customization project, contact info@linuxbox.com or call 877-LINUXBX, ext. 500.

About The Linux Box

The Linux Box (www.linuxbox.com) is a professional services organization specializing in open source technology and the Linux platform in the server, cluster and desktop environments. It provides software development and customization services to a broad range of clients in industries ranging from energy and financial services to government, life sciences and the utilities.

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