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Avilar's WebMentor LMS is First to Receive SCORM Certification

(Laurel, MD — February 12, 2003) Avilar® Technologies, Inc., announced today that its WebMentor® Learning Management System (LMS) has been issued the first certificate of compliance with the SCORM specification, Version 1.2, under the new certification program administered by the Academic ADL Co-Lab in Madison, Wisconsin.

To be certified, an authorized Certification Testing Center must independently verify and validate the successful processing by the LMS of the SCORM Test Suite, Version 1.2.3. WebMentor passed the test at Run Time Environment level 3, which is the highest level of compliance. The Center auditors certifying WebMentor are from the Madison Area Technical College & UW-Learning Innovations of Madison, Wisconsin. With the issuance of the certification, Avilar is licensed to display the ADL logo as depicted here.



The intent to commence certification was announced by ADL at Plugfest 7, held in conjunction with the I/ITSEC Conference and Exposition in Orlando, Florida, December 2 – 5, 2002. Avilar's WebMentor was the first LMS product submitted for certification and currently is the only LMS to achieve the distinction.

"Certification is a major milestone in the evolution of the SCORM standard," said Dr. Alan Salisbury, Chairman of Avilar Technologies. "Buyers of Learning Management Systems can now be assured that an officially certified product meets the highest standards for interoperability and reuse of SCORM compliant content. From this point forward, it makes perfect sense to insist upon the independent verification of compliance that is afforded by certification." As an Army Major General, Salisbury was responsible for the acquisition and support of all U. S. Army software and information systems worldwide.

Paul Jesukiewicz, Director of the ADL Co-Lab in Alexandria, VA, had this to say of the achievement of the first SCORM certification: "The ADL Co-Lab applauds Avilar's commitment and hard work and congratulates them in successfully certifying WebMentor at the Wisconsin Testing Center. We are very pleased to see Avilar adopting and embracing SCORM in its products, and look forward to continuing the collaboration in the formation of industry-based distributed learning standards incorporated into SCORM."

About Avilar

Avilar Technologies, The Competency Company™, provides online workforce management and learning solutions for the corporate, government and academic sectors. Formed in 1997, Avilar was a pioneer in the e-learning marketplace. The flagship WebMentor® product line, originally introduced in 1998, includes a complete suite of affordable, easy-to-use, and full-featured competency development and management tools. Avilar solutions range the spectrum from the development and operation of portals and web sites for blended learning and competency management, powered by WebMentor, to the licensing and customization of the product line for installation and use by the customer. Avilar is the recipient of the Excellence in E-Learning for Customer Satisfaction award from Brandon Hall and *E-Learning Magazine* in September 2001, and was cited by Training Magazine in 2002 as a top “Price-to-Value” provider.

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SCORM and the SCORM logo are certification marks of Concurrent Technologies Corporation of Johnstown, Pennsylvania. The SCORM v1.2 Compliant logo indicates that WebMentor® has been independently tested and certified by an ADL-designated certification organization to comply with SCORM v1.2. Successful test results for a product constitute AS IS compliance with SCORM v1.2 using the designated tests. Compliance evaluation using SCORM v1.2 tests developed by ADL or others does not constitute or imply endorsement or assurance by ADL or others of product utility, quality, or reliability in use or technical accuracy of content.