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SHAREPOINT360 IS SELECTED FOR BUSINESS INTELLIGENCE EARLY ADOPTION PROGRAM

San Diego Company will participate in early adoption Program for New Business Intelligence (BI) Software to Bring BI to the Information Worker

SAN DIEGO – November 3, 2009 – [SharePoint360](#), the premier provider of business productivity consulting and hosting solutions, today announced it has been accepted into a Microsoft early adoption program, allowing Microsoft partners to obtain real-world customer feedback on Microsoft pre-release products.

While early adoption programs span many technologies and generally only engage Microsoft customers, SharePoint360 was selected as a result of its work in highlighting Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 within Microsoft SharePoint Server. The company was chosen for its proposed budgeting project for customer [Gafcon](#), bridging the gap between information inside and outside the firewall.

In preliminary work with Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2, SharePoint360 notes this update strengthens Microsoft BI in many ways, now aligning it with larger BI providers' offerings, ensuring that BI is accessible to information workers who are not BI software analysts. Coupled with Office 2010, Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2's advanced BI functionality is complimented by SharePoint's collaboration capabilities, fostering collaboration around BI data. Main updates to the product include:

- **Improved business applications integration** – Business Data Catalog, now called Business Connectivity Services, has been enhanced from read-only to now support bi-directional create, read, update, delete, search and offline access to line-of-business (LOB) data
- **End-user cube creation** – SQL Server PowerPivot for Excel (formerly codenamed project "Gemini") and SharePoint empowers end users to create and edit their own online analytical processing (OLAP) cubes with potentially millions of rows of data using new in memory architecture and compression technology
- **Data visualization** – Incorporates enhanced Excel 2010 interactive reporting including advanced slicers for visually filtering report data, sparklines, heatmaps and much more in real-time

"Given the extensive work we've completed for our customers with SharePoint BI, we are pleased to be a part of this exclusive program and have the opportunity to work directly with Microsoft on the Microsoft SQL Server 2008 R2 release," said Jenifer Underwood, BI solution lead at SharePoint360. "As a company, we fully support Microsoft's vision of empowering front line information workers with the ability to quickly and easily analyze the right information at the right time to make informed decisions."

For more information about SharePoint360's services, please visit: <http://www.sharepoint360.com>.

About SharePoint360

Headquartered in San Diego, SharePoint360, LLC is a leading SharePoint [consulting](#), [hosting](#) and [business intelligence](#) solutions provider. Founded in 2006, the company is a Microsoft Certified Gold Partner, whose team of software industry expert have completed a variety of collaborative technology implementations for Fortune 500 Companies, small businesses and government agencies in the U.S. and internationally. More information about SharePoint360 is available at <http://www.sharepoint360.com>.

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