Latitude Announces LatitudeLearning.com Open-Source LMS Learning and Certification System

SALINE, **Mich.**, **June 4**, **2007** – Latitude Consulting Group today announced the release of the LatitudeLearning.com Open-Source 2007 learning management system (LMS). The latest version of LatitudeLearning.com helps managers more easily identify and address skill gaps in their workforce, targets learning according to job descriptions and work locations, and provides quick access to learning through a tabbed home page interface.

The LatitudeLearning.com LMS provides organizations, especially those that face difficult channel and other external workforce training challenges, with a technologically advanced and cost-effective solution to manage learning and certification programs. For organizations that must contend with accelerated time-to-market for new products and sophisticated training programs, the LatitudeLearning.com LMS can easily support certifications go beyond the traditional model of course completion requirements.

"With Set-and-Forget™ planning and enrollment, LatitudeLearning.com 2007 helps dealership managers ensure that they maintain proper skill coverage in their workforce," said John Zonneveld, senior Latitude learning consultant. "An interactive, graphic display of technical and departmental curricula helps managers more easily identify skill gaps and curriculum progress at individual and departmental levels."

Set-and-Forget enrollment allows managers to add courses that will close skill gaps to a student's 'interest list'. When an interest list course becomes available and the learner has met prerequisites for the course, the LatitudeLearning.com LMS automatically enrolls the learner in the course and sends a notification message.

Organizations can control access to LMS functionality and training content according to job code and location. Data is segregated into "owner organizations" to prevent users who log into one organizational structure from viewing data specific to a different organization. For example, service technicians that work at multiple dealerships can be identified with different job codes and LMS access at each business location.

In the latest release, the LatitudeLearning.com LMS's Quick-Click Learning™ user interface presents a wide array of information for students and managers in an easy-to-navigate tab structure. Tabs include My Schedule (which incorporates the teaching schedule for instructors and a new Subscription Courses section), Certification, Curriculum, History (combining certification and training), Training Path, Groups, and My Employees (used by managers to quickly see employees being trained, pending interests and approvals, department curriculum and department certification).

About Latitude Consulting Group

Latitude, a senior technology consultancy, helps the extended enterprise improve channel performance and training effectiveness by integrating learning management, business intelligence, and other corporate systems. Latitude solutions combine data and systems so organizations can more easily evaluate and improve training, certification, and other programs based on their impact on business results.