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IATEK JOINS TWO ADDITIONAL COMPANIES IN OPENING OFFICES AT THE ADVANCED TECHNOLOGY & MANUFACTURING CENTER IN FALL RIVER, MA

Fall River, MA – April 01, 2004 – The University of Massachusetts Dartmouth recently announced that *Iatek*, *Photronic Devices* and *Witness Systems* opened offices at the Advanced Technology & Manufacturing Center (ATMC) in Fall River. Carol Skelly, owner of Iatek, was recently featured in Boston Globe. Skelly was laid off during the dot-com bust, but now has her own company. Iatek LLC is a global provider of Web-based solutions for businesses of all sizes. Its revenue grew by more than 110% in 2003, and the latest release of its PortalApp product has experienced a record-breaking number of downloads on-line. The University believes that relationships with these companies will be mutually synergistic, and look forward to these partnerships flourishing.

IATEK - Carol Skelly is the Founder and CEO of Iatek LLC. In addition, is an experienced technologist and developer, Carol serves as lead developer and architect of all Iatek engagements. Prior to creating Iatek, Carol was the Director of Technology for a Newport based e-commerce services provider. Carol has also held senior technology roles at Cambridge, Ma. based Lotus Development Corporation (IBM) and was lead developer on Digital Equipment Corporation's Y2K Web tracking system to assist with Y2K compliance. Carol has participated on a number of projects including the creation of a problem tracking system for the U.S. Department of Defense. Carol holds a B.S. in Computer Science from Western New England College.

Iatek LLC is a global provider of Web-based solutions for businesses of all sizes. Companies use Iatek's *ASPapp.com* solutions to rapidly deploy content-driven business initiatives, such as intranets, portals and business Web sites. Companies such as Northrop-grumman, McDonalds Corp, United States Armed Services, Countrywide Home Loans, and hundreds of Web developers have selected ASPapp.com solutions for their Web-based content management and e-commerce requirements. Iatek intends to position itself as a leader in delivering Web solutions that enable non-technical staff to easily create, manage and update internet or Intranet sites. Iatek is committed to growing during 2004 by launching new initiatives designed to make it's offerings attractive to an even wider audience of developers and small businesses. For more information contact Carol Skelly.

PHOTRONIC DEVICES - PDI recently announced that they now offer custom design services for applications integrating electronics, Telecom, Datacom, Data Acquisition, and Research & Development. PDI has many years of experience in complex analog circuit design, data acquisition and system software architecture design and development. PDI has recently relocated to the ATMC to enhance this capability by working closer with staff, facility and students. They expect to contribute to the learning process of both graduate and under graduate students. The company will design and produce high quality, moderately priced systems, which control, monitor, manipulate and display data in a variety of applications.

WITNESS SYSTEMS – provides the contact center industry's first integrated performance optimization software suite to help global enterprises capture customer intelligence and optimize workforce performance. Comprised of business-driven and/or full-time customer interaction recording, performance analysis and e-learning management applications, the browser-based eQuality® solution is designed to enhance the quality of customer contacts across multiple communications media, including the telephone, e-mail and Web. An integrated business consulting, implementation and training methodology provides services to support an effective, rapid deployment of eQuality that enables organizations to maximize their return on investment. For additional information about Witness Systems and its eQuality software suite, visit www.witness.com.

UMass Dartmouth's Advanced Technology & Manufacturing Center - is located at the SouthCoast Research and Technology Park in Fall River, MA. The ATMC leverages University resources for economic development by focusing in three strategic areas: research and partnering with industry; enabling and accelerating new technology ventures; and hosting technical, business and educational conferences and workshops.

The Technology Venture Center, where MIKEL operates, provides infrastructure for emerging companies as they grow and develop into the future technology and manufacturing leaders of Southeastern Massachusetts. For more information, please visit www.atmc.umassd.edu.

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