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Scott -

Attached is a copy of the joint Modulus/Neuron Data press release which contains a quote from you. This version has been reviewed and approved by Bob Barbour. We wanted to run it by you one more time before the release for your final review. Let me know as soon as you can. We are in a hurry to get this one out because we have a chance to leap frog the competition.

Many thanks for your help.

- Rex



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## **P R E S S   R E L E A S E**

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### **NEURON DATA'S CROSS-PLATFORM CLIENT DEVELOPMENT TOOLS ARE EXTENDED TO COOPERATIVE NETWORK ENVIRONMENTS WITH MODULUS TECHNOLOGIES' DISTRIBUTED COMPUTING TOOLKIT**

**Neuron Data's OPEN INTERFACE ELEMENTS™, C/S ELEMENTS™ combined  
with Modulus Technologies' INTERAGENT™ TOOLKIT and ROUTER software  
provide a powerful cooperative application development environment**

**Palo Alto, California -- Houston, Texas -- December 5, 1994 --** Neuron Data Corporation, a leader in client/server development tools and Modulus Technologies, a provider of cooperative application development tools, announced today that their key products are fully compatible and interoperable. Early users have implemented Neuron Data's OPEN INTERFACE ELEMENTS™ and C/S ELEMENTS™ and Modulus Technologies' INTERAGENT™ TOOLKIT and ROUTER software to build innovative mission-critical applications for both commercial and corporate (in-house) software.

"At Modulus, we have been using the Neuron Data tools with our own toolkit to build applications for ourselves and our customers," said Rex Shelby, President of Modulus Technologies. "The APIs of the two toolkits have been easy to merge, and the combination provides our customers with a powerful cooperative application development toolkit unlike any other product in the marketplace. Modulus is pleased to have formalized our relationship with Neuron Data, and we look forward to working with Neuron Data to better serve our joint customers."

### **An Integrated Toolkit for Developing Cooperative Applications**

Neuron Data's OPEN INTERFACE ELEMENTS is a comprehensive application development environment for building portable graphical user interfaces (GUIs). C/S ELEMENTS is a client/server application development tool that is a superset of OPEN INTERFACE ELEMENTS. C/S ELEMENTS features full GUI development capabilities, a message-based script language for rapid application development, and a modular data access facility for transparent access to heterogeneous data sources. Both products support more than 40 hardware platforms and their native windowing environments, including Microsoft Windows and Windows NT, OS/2 Presentation Manager, Apple Macintosh, Motif, and OpenLook.

Modulus Technologies' INTERAGENT TOOLKIT and ROUTER software provide an environment that dramatically simplifies the development of cooperative applications in network-intensive, heterogeneous environments. The INTERAGENT software provides the capabilities of message-oriented middleware through an architecture of intelligent "agents" which efficiently and automatically handle the routing of information throughout complex mixed platform and network environments. The INTERAGENT software supports a wide variety of platforms, operating systems, and network protocols. Current operating system support includes Sun Solaris and SunOS, Silicon Graphics IRIX, HP UX, IBM AIX, SCO UNIX, Microsoft MS-DOS and Windows, and IBM OS/2. Current network protocol support includes TCP/IP, Novell Netware, shared memory, SLIP, and PPP.

"Modulus is working with us on a number of applications that utilize both their software and the Neuron Data tools," stated Scott Yeager, Vice President of Business Development at MFS Datanet. "The exciting feature for us is that these applications can be conveniently utilized by our customers because they operate across our worldwide ATM network and they work across several different end platforms. For example, one of the applications enables us to provide efficient multi-point audio inband of Ethernet across our fiber optic network."

The Neuron Data and Modulus Technologies products have application programming interfaces (APIs) and C libraries which operate together to create client/server or multi-peer applications that are portable and interoperable across a number of platform and network environments. The two companies have already developed joint product operation materials and are currently working on a variety of joint marketing and product integration activities.

"We are excited by the capabilities that the Neuron Data and Modulus products jointly bring to the marketplace," said Donna Jeker, Neuron Data's Vice President of Business Development. "The Neuron Data/Modulus offering consists of proven software that enables our customers to develop and maintain mission-critical applications that must

operate in the complex heterogeneous environments of today and tomorrow. We believe that the Neuron Data/Modulus offering is the most powerful cooperative application development toolkit available today."

#### **About Neuron Data**

Headquartered in Palo Alto, California, Neuron Data designs, manufactures, and markets open, portable application development tools optimized for commercial software vendors and corporate developers. With 12 offices worldwide, including London, Paris, and Tokyo and distributors throughout the Pacific Rim, Europe, and Japan, Neuron Data is the global market leader in graphical interface and rule-based application development tools.

#### **About Modulus Technologies**

Modulus Technologies is an innovator in the design and development of cooperative application tools and products and a technology leader in network-based multi-media (audio, video) applications. Headquartered in Houston, Texas, Modulus Technologies' customers span a wide range of application areas and industries throughout the world.

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