KEYCENTRIX GROWING ITS NATIONAL HEADQUARTERS IN WICHITA

Wichita, Kan. – Keycentrix has announced plans to grow its national headquarters in northeast Wichita, adding 16 new jobs to its current employment of 50 – a 32% increase. The announcement was made at the City of Wichita's weekly press briefing Thursday morning.

"We are focused on growing Wichita," said Council member Brandon Johnson. "Even through these difficult economic times, we're dedicated to helping to diversify our economy and attract living wage jobs to our community."

"These are uncertain times for every business, and we have certainly seen some of the effects on ours," said Luis Rodriguez, president of Keycentrix. "However, we have been particularly fortunate to be linked to two industries – healthcare and technology – that have not seen dramatic slowdowns. Because of this, our company is seeing opportunity for growth. We are excited to work with the Kansas Department of Commerce and the Greater Wichita Partnership to participate in the Promoting Employment Across Kansas (PEAK) Act, which will allow us to fill 16 much-needed software development positions in the coming months."

For more than 40 years, Keycentrix has been a dedicated Kansas employer, offering world-class software solutions to the pharmacy and healthcare industries with customers across the nation. As a thriving company, Keycentrix isn't a stranger to success. In November, Keycentrix was awarded the prestigious Surescripts White Coat Award™, which celebrates industry leaders across the Surescripts Network Alliance™. Of the four award winners in the Pharmacy Industry Leaders category, Keycentrix is the only award winner that provides pharmacy management systems to the broader independent pharmacy market.

Keycentrix is also a founding member of FlagshipKansas.Tech, the membership organization working to unite, elevate and connect the state's technology industry, with the goal of catalyzing growth. Technology companies in Kansas have tremendous potential to provide jobs and economic benefit to the state and region.

"The Partnership works closely with our technology industry and with the Department of Commerce team to grow this industry in our region and state, and Keycentrix's announcement today is a great example of this potential," said Andrew Nave, executive vice president of economic development of the Greater Wichita Partnership. "Their expansion and creation of jobs during a tough economic time demonstrates how technology can and is growing here and its continued importance to our economic future."

"Keycentrix's decision to expand in Wichita further illustrates Kansas' potential as a major technology hub," Kansas Secretary of Commerce David Toland said. "I'm grateful to Keycentrix for their decision to grow in our state, benefiting our state's economy as a whole."

Dr. Sheree Utash, president of WSU Tech, also attended the briefing, offering the support of the education and training community, to meet the often-changing needs of a skilled and world-class workforce for the software and technology industries.

"We are here to do everything we can to continue to ensure Keycentrix and the technology community have what they need in an educated and trained workforce to stay, grow and excel in Wichita," she said.

Healthcare and IT Systems & Support are two of seven target sectors identified in the Regional Growth Plan, an economic strategy to grow the Greater Wichita region's economy, attract new businesses and expand existing industries. The plan is implemented by the collective efforts of community partners within the ten-county region and is led by the Greater Wichita

Partnership.