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To: Competitive Local Exchange Carriers (CLECs)

Subject: CLECs - BellSouth® Software Vendor Process

This is to advise that in April 2001, BellSouth introduced the BellSouth Software Vendor Process (SVP) to vendors that market Operation Support Systems (OSS) interface software to CLECs in the BellSouth region. The SVP is designed to assist these vendors during their development of pre-order and/or order interface applications software and services for CLECs. This program establishes a formalized process leading to the BellSouth certification of the vendors' electronic interface software.

Certification by BellSouth means that the vendor has tested a specific vendor software release with BellSouth for use with one or more specific releases of the BellSouth electronic interfaces: Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) and/or Telecommunications Access Gateway (TAG). **CLECs using software from an SVP-certified vendor do not need to undergo application or validity testing.** The SVP allows for:

- faster electronic interface implementations (one week instead of five or six weeks);
- improved accuracy in electronic orders; and
- use of fewer CLEC and vendor resources for implementation and testing of software.

An updated list of SVP-certified software vendors may be found at the BellSouth Interconnection Services' Web site located at:

<http://www.interconnection.bellsouth.com/svp/>.

This Web site also includes a MicroSoft® PowerPoint® presentation that explains the SVP, a sample of the SVP Certificate, and a Letter of Intent for vendors who are interested in participating in the program.

If you have any questions, please contact your BellSouth Electronic Commerce Account Team Representative.

Sincerely,

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