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SPARKHOUND INC. TO OPEN PERMANENT DALLAS / FORT WORTH OFFICE

IT solutions company expands presence, creates more high-tech job opportunities

Baton Rouge, La. – Sparkhound Inc. announced the company is expanding operations into the Dallas/Fort Worth area to serve its growing client base in the Gulf South Region. With existing offices in Baton Rouge and Houston, Sparkhound will continue to provide midmarket and large market companies with strategic, customized business solutions for their technology needs.

“We’re extremely excited to announce this new opportunity for Sparkhound, its clients and future clients,” said Sparkhound President and CEO Shawn Usher. “With our growing client base in the Dallas/Fort Worth area, we thought it was the right time to expand with a strong local team in the area. Despite the current national economic climate, Sparkhound is continuing its focus on developing new business solutions, experiencing rapid growth, and becoming a major player in the technology industry.”

Sparkhound’s Dallas/Fort Worth location will enable the company to better serve its existing client base, offer more customized services to prospects, and further expand its business solutions in the area. The company currently has more than 130 full-time and part-time employees working in the Baton Rouge, Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth areas.

After opening the DFW office on October 17, Vice President of Sales Brian Evans and Vice President of Operations Jonathan Swartz will focus on recruiting top talent to the Sparkhound team over the coming months.

“Brian and Jonathan will bring a wealth of experience and industry knowledge to their roles and to the Dallas/Fort Worth office,” said Sparkhound Chief Operations Officer Michael Phillips. “Sparkhound has experienced significant growth since opening its doors in Baton Rouge more than 13 years ago – and we don’t plan to stop this growth as the technology industry continues to experience positive momentum.”

Before joining Sparkhound, Brian Evans was the Corporate Accounts Sales Manager for Microsoft Corp. Evans has been with Microsoft since 2007 leading 11 account managers and 40 additional personnel responsible for \$180 million in software and services in Texas, Oklahoma, Arkansas and Louisiana. Before working at Microsoft, Evans worked at Softchoice, a Microsoft Gold Partner, as an account manager covering the north Texas area. In addition to several professional achievements, Evans was recently named as the “FY11 Manager of the Year” in the U.S. mid-market by Microsoft Corp. He is a graduate of the University of North Texas.

Jonathan Swartz will be Sparkhound’s Vice President of Operations at the Dallas office. Previously, Swartz worked in Technical Sales and Account Management roles at Microsoft Corp., focusing on partners and midmarket customers in Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Arkansas. Before working at Microsoft, Swartz joined Sentiati Technologies where he served as Director of Product Development then moved to Idea Integration as a software architect and Director of Business Solutions. Swartz has received several awards for his excellence in sales and leadership throughout his five-year career with Microsoft.

To learn more about Sparkhound’s high-tech job opportunities or wealth of business solutions, visit Sparkhound.com.



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About Sparkhound

With offices in Baton Rouge, Houston and Dallas/Fort Worth, Sparkhound Inc. was established in January 1998 with the goal of redefining how technology services are delivered in the marketplace. Sparkhound provides government and institutional agencies with business solutions including: Application Design and Development; Infrastructure Design and Development; Business Process Analysis; Project Management; Microsoft Windows Server; Microsoft Exchange; Microsoft Office SharePoint Server; and many other technologies. For more information, visit Sparkhound.com.