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Harris Williams & Co. is pleased to announce the sale of Amentra, Inc. to strategic buyer Red Hat, the world's leading provider of open source solutions. The transaction closed March 12, 2008. Harris Williams & Co. acted as the exclusive advisor to Amentra. The transaction was led by [Hiter Harris](#), [Jeff Herr](#), and [Jason Herzog](#) from Harris Williams & Co.'s Richmond office, along with [David Joncas](#) from the firm's Technology Group.

"Amentra has achieved incredible success," said Hiter Harris, managing director of Harris Williams & Co. "The company's unique service model and industry expertise have driven a consistent pattern of strong, organic growth. Its leadership in the sector has been recognized by top industry sources including *Gartner* and *Forrester*."

"Open Source is at the cutting edge of technology trends and is rapidly transforming IT capabilities. Amentra's collaboration with Red Hat will enrich the Enterprise Acceleration initiative to increase corporate adoption of open source platforms," said David Joncas, managing director in Harris Williams & Co.'s Technology Group.

Amentra, Inc. (www.amentra.com) is a recognized industry leader in producing successful IT solutions through standardized processes and strong mentor-based client partnerships to implement full-service Service Oriented Architecture (SOA), business process management, systems development, and enterprise data solutions, among others. Amentra has been very successful with Fortune 500 customers across a variety of industries including the retail, insurance, healthcare, pharmaceutical, telecommunications, finance, and government sectors. Recent accolades include: Gartner Hype Cycles recognition of Amentra as a leading provider of open source services, SOA, and legacy modernization; Forrester recognition of Amentra as best practice provider of service; ranking in Deloitte Technology Fast 500 for three years in a row; 2007 Ernst & Young Entrepreneur of the Year Winner; and inclusion in *SmartCEO's* Future 50.

Red Hat (www.redhat.com), headquartered in Raleigh, North Carolina, is the world's leading open source solutions provider with over 50 satellite offices spanning the globe. CIOs have ranked Red Hat first for value in Enterprise Software for four consecutive years in the CIO Insight Magazine Vendor Value study. Red Hat provides high-quality, affordable technology with its operating system platform, Red Hat Enterprise Linux, together with applications, management and Services Oriented Architecture (SOA) solutions, including the JBoss Enterprise Middleware Suite. Red Hat also offers support, training, and consulting services to its customers worldwide.

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