



## Blackboard and SCT Announce New Relationship to Offer Enterprise Integration of e-Education Products

**8/4/2003 , Washington, DC** - Blackboard Inc. and SCT (Nasdaq: SCTC) announced an agreement to deliver enterprise integration between the Blackboard Learning System™ and SCT's student information and portal system products. Additionally, Blackboard Inc. will join the SCT Partner Program and forthcoming developer network, expanding the array of offerings that build on the solid foundation of SCT solutions.

Prior to the creation of this relationship, a number of colleges and universities have integrated their Blackboard and SCT e-Education systems to more efficiently manage course resources with student services and information. By entering into a formal relationship, Blackboard and SCT will now be able to offer thousands of higher education institutions enterprise integration between the Blackboard Learning System and SCT's student information systems using the SCT Luminis™ Data Integration Suite. Blackboard will also integrate the Blackboard Learning System with the SCT Luminis™ Platform III, which provides institutions with enterprise portal, communication, and collaboration capabilities.

Using SCT's Luminis Software Development Kit (SDK) and Blackboard Building Blocks architecture, the companies are building interfaces between their respective products to create a seamless e-Education environment that spans administrative, teaching and learning functions. Such interoperability will help improve information management processes across colleges and universities, as it will provide event-driven data integration and authentication integration.

"We are very pleased to be working with SCT and believe that this relationship will greatly enhance the existing technology infrastructure of our higher education clients," said Andrew Rosen, Executive Vice President of Corporate Development at Blackboard. "We believe that our shared educational vision will allow colleges and universities to strategically utilize all of their technology investments to better serve

all campus stakeholders.”

“SCT is focused on delivering technologies to drive integration of mission critical applications across the campus,” said Scott Doughman, senior vice president of strategic planning and business development at SCT. “There is tremendous value in integrating the course management system with the student information system, and given that many of our clients rely on Blackboard’s enterprise course management systems, we are pleased to announce this partnership.”