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Tribal Software, Inc. Wins WEF Innovative Technology of the Year Award

Cheyenne, WY - October 16, 2000 - **Tribal Software, Inc.**, of Cheyenne, Wyoming, won the Innovative Technology of the Year award given by the Water Environmental Federation for their Tribal-LDMS LIMS system software.

Tribal® was chosen from a select group of talented entrepreneurs because of the significant achievement in design, operation, and maintenance of software for water and wastewater quality improvement. The Award was given for the Instrumentation (Scientific instrument) category, and was given to Tribal in a ceremony at the WEFTEC 2000 - 73rd Annual Conference and Exposition in Anaheim, California on October 17th.

In late 1996, Ron Kailey Jr., the President of Tribal Software, Inc., authored articles, "A Laboratory Data Management System," that was published in *American Environmental Laboratory,* six/96 and "Mini LIMS for Small Labs" in *Environmental Testing & Analysis,* nine/96. Because of the over whelming response he received from laboratories all over the country, he saw a definite need and desire for a good, inexpensive LIMS (Laboratory Information Management System). Ron then decided to build a better system, using a newer language (MS Access 7.0 & 8.0), expanded functionality and fresh ideas. He then formed the company, Tribal Software Inc., contacted and hired local computer programmers, and developed a complete LIMS, known as the Tribal-LDMS (Laboratory Data Management System). The Tribal-LDMS was developed initially for the small laboratory, but has proven to be a system for all labs as well.

Tribal Software, Inc. has developed other software systems in addition to their award winning LDMS, including Tribal-AFP (Applicant Fingerprint System) and Tribal-ETS (Evidence Tracking System). Both of these systems were originally developed for the State of Wyoming Crime Laboratory in Cheyenne, and are currently being marketed.

Tribal Software, Inc. specializes in software systems for use in all types of laboratories. For more information, contact Tribal Software, Inc. at (307) 635-7066 or visit our web site at www.tribalsoftware.com

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