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MOUNTAIN STATE UNIVERSITY SIGNS AGREEMENT WITH CONTACTPOINTE

BECKLEY, WV- Mountain State University and the ContactPointe have finalized an agreement that will provide MSU credit for classes offered through ContactPointe's IT-oriented training programs. The agreement was signed April 1 at the ContactPointe office at the Omega Building located in Pittsburgh, Pa.

The agreement sets out specific credit equivalencies for many of ContactPointe's training courses in such IT topics as applications, databases, developer topics, graphics and web design, networking, and security, as well as general business and project management skills. As a Microsoft Gold Certified Partner for Learning Solutions, ContactPointe provides a wide variety of training on market leading technologies.

While credit awarded through the agreement may be applicable to a number of Mountain State University programs, it is expected that most ContactPointe students who choose to enroll at MSU will select the University's undergraduate programs in computer science, information technology, and leadership, which are all available online as well as in classroom settings. "I view this as a monumental opportunity for our clients and an exciting prospect for our community; two companies with such proven success can only complement each other in such a relationship," stated ContactPointe Sales Manager, Nina Shell.

"We are very pleased with this new relationship and our expanding presence in western Pennsylvania," said MSU Executive Vice President of Distance Education, James G. Silosky. "We pride ourselves at Mountain State on evaluating and recognizing learning that occurs outside of traditional academic settings while continuing to maintain the high standards appropriate for a university. We strive to help students achieve a degree by recognizing their successful training accomplishments."

For more information on these programs or others at MSU, call 866.FOR.MSU1.

About MSU – www.mountainstate.edu

Mountain State University, founded in 1933, is a not-for-profit independent institution based in Beckley, WV serving more than 8,700 students a year in such market-relevant fields as business, accounting, computer science, information technology, criminal justice, nursing, medical sonography, and leadership. In addition to its main campus in Beckley, MSU has campuses in Center Township, PA.; Martinsburg, WV; Mooresville, NC; Orlando, FL.; and Washington, D.C. as well as a site in Hickory, NC. Many degrees are also offered online. For more information, call 866.FOR.MSU1 (866.367.6781).

ContactPointe was formed as a provider of training services; for over fifteen years we have delivered quality solutions for the top businesses and organizations in our region, with offices in Columbus, OH; Pittsburgh, PA and Charleston, WV. Our unique blend of training and consulting has granted us the ability to provide the most educated consultants and experienced instructors available in our industry today. For additional information on ContactPointe services, please call our Charleston office at (304) 343-0478 or access the ContactPointe website at www.contactpointe.com.