

## **RESEARCH STUDY FINDS THAT APPROPRIATE TECHNOLOGY IMPROVES THE RESULTS OF SIX SIGMA INITIATIVES**

*Companies who adequately stock their Six Sigma tool kit with relevant technology perform better*

**Tualatin, OR** . – November 1, 2006 - iGrafx®, a leading provider of Business Process Excellence solutions, announced today that it is a sponsor of a recent benchmark report published by the AberdeenGroup on the impact of Lean and Six Sigma initiatives on a wide variety of organizations. The report divides the companies surveyed into three groups according to their levels of practice and performance – Laggards, Industry Norm, and Best in Class. The research results show a clear correlation between the use of technology - like software specifically designed for Six Sigma practitioners - and Best in Class company performance.

According to Aberdeen, many companies still use generalist tools like Microsoft® Visio® and PowerPoint® for their business process analysis work. However, “Best in Class” organizations use technology specifically designed to document, analyze, refine and communicate business processes. These organizations enjoy increased product quality, higher revenue and profitability and lower overall costs than those who do not use software appropriate for business process analysis.

“Providing Six Sigma project teams with the necessary data capture and analysis tools is essential,” said Cindy Jutras, VP & Service Director for AberdeenGroup. “Without the proper tools, teams spend too much time moving and scrubbing data and are prevented from spending the appropriate amount of time analyzing for improvement and control.”

“For over 10 years our core mission has been to provide best in class software tools to analyze and improve business processes,” said Ken Carraher, President of iGrafx. “We believe this study validates our value proposition and commitment to deliver best-of-breed strategic modeling tools and enable our customers to achieve the highest return on their investment in process improvement initiatives. Our tools continue to deliver innovative leading-edge functionality and ease of use that distances us from providers of generic drawing and charting tools.”

[Click here to request a complimentary copy of the full report.](#) For more information and to purchase licenses of iGrafx software, call iGrafx at (503) 404-6050.

### **About iGrafx**

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### **About AberdeenGroup**

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