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**ADVANCED DISCOVERY SERVICES AND AMERICAN DATA SERVICES TO MERGE**

*Strategic Merger of eDiscovery Market Leaders Results in Increased Ability to Address Legal Matters of All Complexities*

**MOUNTAIN VIEW, Calif. – (May 3, 2010)** – Advanced Discovery Services and American Data Services announced today that the companies have entered into a definitive agreement to merge. The combined company is well positioned to address the specific needs of today’s law firms and corporate legal departments with regards to regulatory, investigatory and legal matters. Both companies provide services in electronic discovery, computer forensics, early case assessment, web hosting, document review and paper discovery.

The combined company will operate under the name of Advanced Discovery. David Vandygriff, chief executive officer of American Data Services, will be chief executive officer of the combined company. Thadd Hale, chief executive officer of Advanced Discovery Services, will be chief operating officer of the combined company, Advanced Discovery. The combined company will support nine strategic locations serving clients worldwide.

“This merger represents a huge win for our existing and future clients,” said David Vandygriff, CEO of American Data Services. “Law firms and corporations need a true partner to help them efficiently and cost-effectively resolve their litigation support needs. We will build on our complementary strengths, resources, vision as well as proven track records to best partner with our clients.

“We are excited about what this union represents,” said Thadd Hale, CEO of Advanced Discovery Services. “The combined company will provide clients with a stronger consultative approach backed by an experienced consulting team and broader solution offering to ensure the application of appropriate technology resources to address legal matters of all scales. Additionally, we are now poised to expand into new markets to better serve clients with multiple locations.”

**About Advanced Discovery**

Advanced Discovery is a leading provider of eDiscovery services to clients worldwide in both the legal and corporate communities. Our services include computer forensics, electronic discovery, early case assessment, web hosting, document review and paper discovery. Advanced Discovery offers technology solutions that assist law firms and corporations to quickly and accurately reduce vast amounts of electronically stored information into essential and searchable data sets effectively providing a high value product at a low comparative cost. Headquartered in Mountain View, Calif., Advanced Discovery also maintains locations in San Jose, San Francisco, Los Angeles, Orange County, Chicago, Austin, Texas and Overland Park, Kans. More information is available at [www.advanceddiscovery.com](http://www.advanceddiscovery.com).