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### **Vesta Awarded Growth Company of the Year by OEF**

**Portland Oregon-September 27, 2002.** Vesta Corp. was recognized as the **Growth** Company of the Year by the Oregon Entrepreneurs Forum at their **2002** Entrepreneurship Awards Dinner on September 26.

The annual event was held at the Oregon Convention Center and was attended by over 800 attendees. Other finalists in the Growth category included Tripwire, Bank of the Northwest, PremierWest Bank, and Digimarc.

"Our success is the direct result of a lot of hard work by a lot of people," says Doug Fieldhouse, President and CEO of Vesta. "It's a great reward for all of us to be acknowledged as one of Portland's best."

The competition also recognizes a "best" company in Development and Working Capital Stages. Jim Kelly, of Portland home furnishings retailer and manufacturer Rejuvenation, won the 2002 Entrepreneurship Award.

#### **About Vesta Corporation**

A leader in stored-value solutions, Vesta utilizes proprietary authentication and fraud screening measures in managing our clients' stored-value (prepaid) programs, and provides a secure, privacy assured, recharge solution to their end users. In 2001, Inc magazine ranked Vesta as the 22<sup>nd</sup> fastest growing privately owned company in America, and Deloitte and Touche ranked it as the 88<sup>th</sup> fastest growing tech company. Vesta's current clients include AT&T, Sprint, Citibank, MCI and Verizon. Vesta is located in Portland, Oregon, with headquarters in the historic U.S. Bank Building, where fiber optics technology shares space with brass, brick, and marble.

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