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**ASHTON-TATE OPEN CONNECTIVITY STRATEGY ENDORSES
DCA/MICROSOFT COMMUNICATIONS SERVER**

TORRANCE, Calif., April 18, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corporation (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced its support for the DCA/Microsoft Communications Server (Comm Server). The Comm Server will be supported by Ashton-Tate workstation and workgroup products as part of its previously announced Ashton-Tate open connectivity strategy.

"The DCA/Microsoft Communications Server fits well with our announced open connectivity strategy, which supports all major communication servers that are based on industry standard communication protocols and interfaces." said Eric Kim, vice president of Ashton-Tate's database products division.

Ashton-Tate will use communication servers, such as the DCA/Microsoft Communications Server, to provide transparent data and applications access to a variety of mini and mainframe systems.

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Based in Torrance, Calif., Ashton-Tate markets microcomputer business applications software for DOS, OS/2 and Macintosh operating systems. Products are available in six major categories: database management systems, word processing, integrated decision support software, spreadsheets, graphics and desktop publishing. Tate Publishing offers a variety of software applications, tools and utilities under the Tate Publishing Software family, as well as a library of bestselling computer hardware and software related books and periodicals. Ashton-Tate also markets a comprehensive line of service and support programs for individuals, corporations and government agencies.

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