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ASHTON-TATE ANNOUNCES COMPUSERVE MAILBOX FOR  
dBASE LANGUAGE ADVISORY BOARD

TORRANCE, Calif., April 12, 1989 -- Ashton-Tate Corp. (NASDAQ: TATE) today announced it has established a Compuserve mailbox for users of its dBASE products to electronically contact members of the company's recently created dBASE Language Advisory Board (dLAB), a high-level technical consulting body. Once received, messages are posted directly to all the dLAB members on a daily basis. Each dLAB member receives all messages to ensure that each benefits from all suggestions and ideas.

The Compuserve dLAB mailbox address is: 76247,2610

In addition, users may also contact dLAB by writing to dLAB, c/o Ashton-Tate Developer Services, 20101 Hamilton Ave., Torrance, CA 90502. Due to the high volume of message traffic, Ashton-Tate cannot accept telephone messages for dLAB members.

"We're hoping our developers will take advantage of the new Compuserve mailbox to comment to dLAB," said Ron Dennis, manager of Developer Services. "dLAB can only be successful if members can adequately represent the views and desires of the entire dBASE applications developer community."

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dLAB is composed of 15 experts on programming in the dBASE database applications development language. The body's charter calls for review of new products and specifications prior to commercial release. dLAB met for the first time in February in Los Angeles to set an agenda and consult on imminent enhancements to the dBASE language. The members were selected by Ashton-Tate management and were chosen exclusively on their individual knowledge of, and experience with, the dBASE database management applications development environment. The membership reflects four categories of affiliations: Fortune 500, government, independent consulting and large systems development.

Ashton-Tate said the next meeting of dLAB would be held in early June in Los Angeles.

dLAB members are (in alphabetical order):

- Rick Botto, Product Specialist, AT&T IMS;
- Homer Branch, Programmer Analyst, Chevron CEPS;
- Tim Dar Juan, The World Bank;
- Russell Freeland, President, Synergy Corp.;
- Charles E. Hager, COB, Chief Systems Analyst, Champion Business Systems;
- Michael Irwin, Police Officer/Systems Analyst, Washington D.C. Metropolitan Police;
- Alan Kuccheck, Manager Product Development, SBT Corp.;
- Tony Lima, President, Pacific Sys. Design Workshop, Inc.;
- John Pochodowicz, Assoc. Technical Director ISD, U.S. Navy Regional Data Automation Center;

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- Cary Prague, Assistant Director Corp. Finance, The Travelers Corporation;
  - Candy Price, Staff Engineer, Union Carbide Corp.;
  - Tom Rettig, President, Tom Rettig Associates;
  - Allan Sieker, Sr. Consultant, Innovative Solutions, Inc.;
- and
- Phil Steele, President, Phillips Computer Systems, Inc.
- \* One dLAB member declined to be identified for personal reasons.

Based in Torrance, Calif., Ashton-Tate markets best-selling microcomputer business applications software for DOS, OS/2 and Macintosh environments. Products are available in six major categories: database management systems, word processing, graphics, integrated decision support software, spreadsheets and desktop publishing. The Company offers a variety of software applications, tools and utilities under the Tate Publishing software label, as well as a library of best-selling 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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