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**US SEARCH.com Forges Exclusive Agreement
with EmployeeMatters Virtual HR Services**

Los Angeles, April 27, 2000 -- US SEARCH.com (Nasdaq: SRCH), a leading provider of Internet-based information verification services, today announced it has been selected as the exclusive employment background screening source for EmployeeMatters, an integrated Web-based human resources service. Effective immediately, the "virtual HR department" at EmployeeMatters will include direct access to a broad range of US SEARCH.com employment screening services.

EmployeeMatters is a Web-based, outsourcing service offering integrated benefits, payroll and other human resources functions for small and medium sized businesses. Its customers are small business owners and office administrators who administer employee services over the Internet. With the US SEARCH.com agreement, these clients now have affordable and online access to pre-employment services that generally have been used only by larger corporations.

"Increasingly, even smaller companies are facing basic hiring questions related to workplace safety and liability that go beyond judging a candidate's professional competency," said EmployeeMatters co-founder and CEO, Elliot S. Cooperstone. "Yet obtaining the background information that can help a business avoid potential problems still tends to be an expensive and time-intensive process."

"We've helped to resolve many of these issues for our clients by integrating US SEARCH.com into the EmployeeMatters site as our exclusive employment screening provider. Their reports have the breadth of information that can help our clients make fast, effective hiring decisions, and they have the proven ability to deliver these services over the Internet," Cooperstone said.

The alliance continues the US SEARCH.com strategy of strengthening its business-to-business market share through strategic partnerships that allow customers to easily access its services. These types of placements will leverage the company's infomediary services and technology by offering pre-employment screenings and business verification reports over the Internet.

Brent N. Cohen, US SEARCH.com president and CEO said, "The integrated human resources services provided by EmployeeMatters is a perfect example of how the Web can streamline business processes and bring sophisticated technology to smaller companies. EmployeeMatters' clients understand how to use the Internet to be more productive and competitive. They are Web-smart managers who can appreciate the value of our online employment screening products," Cohen said.

A direct link on the EmployeeMatters' client site allows these companies to order US SEARCH.com pre-employment screenings, including address and social security number verification, criminal records reports, employment and education verification and other information about an individual. Depending on the product, some results often are returned within hours by email or fax.

About EmployeeMatters

Based in Stamford, Conn., EmployeeMatters, Inc. is the only truly integrated, full-service Web-based provider of benefits, HR and payroll services to small and medium-sized businesses. Through its unique systems and sophisticated call center, EmployeeMatters offers a "virtual HR department" by enabling clients to effectively manage employee administration and HR functions such as payroll, benefits, retirement plans, business insurance and HR compliance.

About US SEARCH.com

US SEARCH.com is a leading provider of Internet based information verification services. The company provides consumers, corporate and professional clients with quick, easy, and inexpensive verification of individual and business information. US SEARCH.com services include employee background screenings, educational verification, as well as financial liens, criminal records, and civil judgments. The company is headquartered in Los Angeles. For more information, visit the company's Web site at www.ussearch.com.

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