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Echo Global Logistics Developer Wins Second Place at Startup Weekend Chicago

Senior .NET Developer Andy Abbott and Team Create Group Photo Sharing App; Echo Global Logistics Encourages Staff Members to Creatively Nurture Skills

CHICAGO, IL -- (Marketwire) -- 12/18/12 -- Echo Global Logistics, Inc. (NASDAQ: ECHO), a leading provider of technology-enabled transportation and supply chain management services, announced today its Senior .NET Developer Andy Abbott placed second at the Startup Weekend Chicago, an event that challenges designers, developers, and business development personnel to build a viable business in just 54 hours. The event is part of Startup Weekend, a global grassroots movement of entrepreneurs that as of 2012 has held more than 672 events in 100 countries.

Mr. Abbott and his team of two business development individuals and an iPhone designer created an app called pix2gether, a photo gathering tool which allows users in a group setting to take pictures with their smartphone and have them appear together on an online portfolio in real time. The app was designed to allow groups such as wedding parties to pull together collective pictures without any manual work. His team was one of the smallest in the competition; the winning team boasted 16 team members.

"Our success hinges on the talents of our people, and this is especially true in our IT department which is such a vital piece of all aspects of our business," said Doug Waggoner, Chief Executive Officer of Echo Global Logistics. "We congratulate Andy on his success at the Startup Weekend event, which was enabled by his technical skills and ability to think creatively. Both of those attributes are keys to his and our other staff members' continued success at our company."

Mr. Abbott is a senior developer working primarily on Echo Global Logistics' internal purchase order system, and is determining from a technical standpoint how the system's architecture can be improved. "As a developer, I have seen people become stagnant if they don't break out of their routines and take on some challenges," said Mr. Abbott. "I enjoyed working with a small team to build a viable business in just a weekend, and know these endeavors will help my performance at work. The Startup Weekend challenge mirrors the culture at Echo Global Logistics, where creativity and collaboration are encouraged."

For more information about the Chicago Startup Weekend, visit http://chicago.startupweekend.org.

About Echo Global Logistics
Echo Global Logistics, based in Chicago, is a leading provider of technology-enabled transportation and supply chain management services, delivered on a proprietary technology platform, serving the transportation and logistics needs of its clients. Echo maintains a web-based technology platform that compiles and analyzes data from its network of over 24,000 transportation providers to serve its clients' shipping and freight management needs. Echo procures transportation and provides logistics services for clients across a wide range of industries, such as manufacturing, construction, consumer products and retail. For more information on Echo, visit: www.echo.com . The Echo Global Logistics, Inc. logo is available at http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=5293

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