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**Leading Proxy Advisory Firm Recommends That eLoyalty
Stockholders
Vote in Favor Of Three Proposals**

Lake Forest, IL, December 3, 2001 eLoyalty Corporation, a leading enterprise CRM services company (Nasdaq: ELOY), announced today that Institutional Shareholder Services, a leading proxy advisory firm, has recommended that its clients vote in favor of the three proposals put forth at eLoyalty's upcoming stockholders' meeting on December 18, 2001. The proposed actions are to:

1. Approve the issuance and sale of shares of 7% convertible preferred stock in a private placement to funds affiliated with Technology Crossover Ventures and Sutter Hill Ventures and the issuance of common stock upon the conversion of that preferred stock;
2. Approve an increase in the number of authorized shares of both the company's common stock and the company's preferred stock; and
3. Approve a one-for-ten reverse stock split with respect to all issued shares of the company's common stock and a corresponding reduction in the number of authorized shares of the company's common stock.

We are pleased to hear that ISS has recommended a favorable vote on all three actions, said Kelly D. Conway, President and CEO of eLoyalty. We believe that these actions will provide eLoyalty with greater flexibility for achieving our long-term business plans in these challenging economic times. By bolstering eLoyalty's financial fundamentals, the company will be in a stronger position to achieve future profitable growth.

About eLoyalty

eLoyalty is a leading management consulting and systems integration company focused exclusively on customer relationship management (CRM). eLoyalty delivers a broad range of services throughout North America, Europe and Australia including strategy and measurement, program management, customer service operations, technology enablement, change management and on-going technical managed services. The combination of methodologies and technical expertise enables eLoyalty to deliver the tangible economic benefits of customer loyalty for our Fortune 1000 clients. For more information, please go to the Company's web site at www.eloyalty.com or call 877-2-ELOYAL.

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