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### FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

#### **DIGI-DATA ACQUIRES BIGVAULT, INC.**

*Virtual safety deposit box company provides a safe, secure place to save irreplaceable documents for PC users worldwide*

**COLUMBIA, Maryland – March 6, 2006** – Digi-Data, a technology leader of high-availability, high-capacity storage solutions for fixed content applications, announced that it has acquired the assets of bigVAULT Storage Technologies Inc., a provider of online storage and collaboration services. The acquisition leverages Digi-Data's world-class storage expertise and patented technologies with bigVAULT's advanced online storage services technology to provide users and businesses with a cost effective service to save and protect unlimited amounts of music, videos, photos and important documents in a safe environment that can be easily and securely accessed from anywhere in the world.

bigVAULT, headquartered in Commack, NY, markets its electronic safety deposit box to individuals and businesses who want to securely store, backup, retrieve and share critical files of any type. bigVAULT supports thousands of customers in more than 40 countries, as well as resellers and prominent broadband providers. bigVAULT will operate as the Vault Services Division of Digi-Data and will retain its bigVAULT brand in the market.

"Digi-Data has a history of providing innovative technology," said Dennis Cindrach, President and CEO of Digi-Data. "bigVAULT's secure online services expand our product offering by helping customers cost-effectively store and access large amounts of digital content from anywhere in the world in a centralized repository. The market is limitless because photos, music and video along with email, text and spreadsheet documents are now a part of individual and company critical data."

"Every PC user knows they should back up their hard drives, but in reality they don't," said John Salerno, founder of bigVAULT. "bigVAULT now enables backups as easily as saving a document or photo to a hard

drive, without managing multiple CDs or USB drives. Individuals and businesses today also want to share large files in a secure environment. bigVAULT's file sharing and collaboration capabilities are a perfect fit."

bigVAULT is sold through select resellers worldwide including Verizon Online. Verizon Online's 5.1 million DSL subscribers can continue to access this on-line backup and collaboration service through "My Storage Place," a private, labeled version of bigVAULT's technology.

"Digi-Data's acquisition of bigVAULT is a logical move that will help position Digi-Data in the rapidly expanding market of online storage services," said Brian Babineau, analyst with Enterprise Strategy Group. "Now with technology at both the storage system and the on-line service layer, Digi-Data should be able to uniquely satisfy the needs of both individuals and small businesses looking to protect the ever-growing amount of important digital assets."

While bigVAULT adds a new dimension to Digi-Data's product offering, the company will continue to enhance its products based on its patented STORM architecture (Storage On Redundant Modules). Today, Digi-Data's STORM based products scale to over 400 TB and are currently used in surveillance, archive and other fixed content markets.

#### **Digi-Data Corp.**

Digi-Data Corporation, based in Columbia, Maryland, is a leading manufacturer of high performance storage systems and controllers with over 55,000 systems installed worldwide. Since 1960, Digi-Data has engineered its products to the highest standards, combining proven technologies and innovative thinking to continually achieve unprecedented levels of performance, reliability, scalability and ease of management.

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#### **bigVAULT Storage Technologies, Inc.**

bigVAULT Storage Technologies, Inc., a privately-held company headquartered in Commack, New York, is a leading provider of online storage and remote backup and recovery services. Through its online services, bigVAULT provides businesses and individuals with unlimited private and secure global access to store, backup, retrieve and share critical files of any type through a "digital safe deposit vault." For more information visit bigVAULT online at [www.bigvault.com](http://www.bigvault.com).