

# Press Release

## **Microsoft Solutions Framework Essentials Book Now Available**

Written by NSA's founder, this book is the authoritative reference defining and explaining the foundational concepts underpinning MSF

**Needham, MA (September 27, 2006)** – North Star Analytics (NSA) today announced that Microsoft Press published a much anticipated book entitled: [\*Microsoft Solutions Framework Essentials: Building Success Technology Solutions\*](#) (ISBN 0-7356-2353-8). Written by NSA's founder Mike Turner, this book provides a comprehensive explanation of the Microsoft Solutions Framework (MSF). MSF is a practical, flexible and proven approach to delivering solutions. It has been successfully applied to a range of project types with varying complexities and within an assortment of environments. Refined and evolved over a dozen years, MSF provides guidance in not only how to define, design, build, stabilize and deploy a solution, but also how to organize, ready and govern the team to handle the dynamic nature of solutions delivery. MSF is structured as an adaptable and scalable framework upon which specialized and prescriptive methodologies can be built. It includes a set of natural checks and balances that work to maximize quality and agility without adding undue governance. That way, MSF can be a basis for both an agile as well as a formal approach to solutions delivery. By providing a solid and comprehensive foundation, organizations can create their own methodology that is tailored to their needs or select from a range of pre-packaged MSF-based approaches such as [\*MSF for Agile Software Development\*](#).

Since this book is a snapshot of MSF, an evolving body of knowledge, NSA has created an MSF user community to make available the latest MSF news, information and updates. NSA also added a user forum to share MSF experience and questions.

### **About North Star Analytics**

Founded in 2006, North Star Analytics LLC (NSA) is a new venture assembling a suite of software solutions that will enable people and organizations to intuitively harness powerful analytical tools for information analysis and discovery. NSA also provides business and technical consulting services to help organizations address a serious business capabilities gap. Briefly stated, *many organizations are not realizing the full value of their technology solutions because they are ill-prepared and/or ill-advised on how to approach the process of defining, designing, building, stabilizing and deploying those solutions.*

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