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Boston, Mass. -- Apr 02, 2003 -- SpeechWorks International, Inc. (Nasdaq: SPW), global leader in speech technologies and services, today announced that Bob Kellgrew has joined SpeechWorks as vice president and general counsel. Kellegrew comes to SpeechWorks from American Tower Corporation, a leading infrastructure provider in wireless, Internet and broadcasting industries with revenues of \$788 million (2002) where he held the position of vice president and general counsel.

"Bob joins SpeechWorks with nearly 20 years of experience with a number of high-level leaders," said Stuart R. Patterson, CEO of SpeechWorks. "As SpeechWorks builds on the success of its leading speech technologies and the increasing demand for speech services, Bob's background in building strategic relationships, intellectual property and technology growth models will help us accelerate the delivery of high-performance speech solutions to our customers around the world."

As general counsel, treasurer, secretary and vice president for global, high-tech I Kellegrew has consistently supported revenue growth and increased shareholder value. While at American Tower, Kellegrew managed a department of 12 lawyers and a number of transactions including the recovery of millions in debt from financially troubled customers. Prior to American Tower, Bob was the vice president, general counsel and treasurer for PictureTel Corporation, the global leader in videoconferencing, where he managed a \$30 million secondary capital investment, complex contract negotiations and the successful sale of a subsidiary company. Kellegrew also held deputy general counsel and associate general counsel positions at FTP Software and Stratus Computer, respectively.

"As the speech industry continues to evolve, SpeechWorks' focus on developing innovative speech technologies and building the highest quality speech services for its customers has been unwavering," said Kellegrew. "I'm delighted to join SpeechWorks at this time and look forward to contributing to the Company's continued success, the success of our partners and customers and the satisfaction of its customers' callers."

Kellegrew holds a B.A. from UMASS Boston and a Law Degree from Western New England School of Law.

About SpeechWorks

Organizations around the world trust SpeechWorks to manage their customer conversations. As a leading provider of speech technologies and services, SpeechWorks helps companies create and implement unique Speech Strategies that ensure maximum financial return and the highest levels of caller satisfaction. The Company provides speech recognition, text-to-speech (TTS) and speaker verification for network and embedded environments, including new multimodal devices with both an audio input and visual display. SpeechWorks' customers include carriers, corporations and government organizations, such as AOL, Citibank Europe, McKesson, Microsoft, a Boeing Company. For more information, please call 617.428.4444 or visit www.speechworks.com.

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