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**SkillSoft's Books24x7 Expands Collection with Addition of *25 Best Practices in Learning & Talent Development***

**Proceeds to Benefit Children's e-Learning Nonprofit Organization**

**Nashua, NH – April 12, 2007** - Books24x7<sup>®</sup>, a subsidiary of SkillSoft PLC (Nasdaq: SKIL) and the developer of online book collections for IT, business, engineering, financial and government professionals, today announces the availability of *25 Best Practices in Learning & Talent Development* by Dr. Nick van Dam, Global Chief Learning Officer for Deloitte Touche Tohmatsu. Royalties from the publication of this book will benefit e-Learning for Kids (EFK, [www.e-learningforkids.org](http://www.e-learningforkids.org)), of which van Dam is the Founder and Chairman. The e-Learning for Kids organization is a global nonprofit foundation that provides free online learning for children ages 5 through 12.

“Throughout our long and dedicated partnership with Deloitte, our shared goal has been to foster professional growth and development within an organization,” said Jerry Nine, SkillSoft COO. “SkillSoft is proud to support the workforce of tomorrow by providing Nick van Dam with an additional outlet for this influential publication.”

The themes established in *25 Best Practices in Learning & Talent Development* are aligned with SkillSoft's vision and direction. The demand for talent within a global labor market, the increasing complexity of job responsibilities and the challenge of serving generational differences have propelled learning and development to the forefront of organizational strategies to attract, develop and retain talent.

“As today's business environment continues to go through dynamic changes, it is more important than ever to ensure effective learning processes are in place across an organization,” said Nick van Dam. “SkillSoft continues to make a significant impact in helping to shape and develop 21<sup>st</sup> century leaders, which is why Books24x7 is a perfect fit for *25 Best Practices in Learning & Talent Development*.”

SkillSoft is a sponsor of e-Learning For Kids, having donated specially-created courses and content to accelerate the development of young minds. These programs are designed to engage children at the level where they can perform independently and successfully.

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