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#### DXP ENTERPRISES ANNOUNCES 2012 FOURTH QUARTER AND YEAR END RESULTS

**Houston, TX, -- February 27, 2013 – DXP Enterprises, Inc. (NASDAQ: DXPE)** today announced that for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2012 it earned net income of \$14.1 million, or \$0.92 per fully diluted share. Sequentially, fully diluted earnings per share improved 7.0% from \$0.86 per fully diluted share, or \$13.1 million in net income for the third quarter ended September 30, 2012. Compared to fourth quarter 2011 earnings of \$9.2 million or \$0.61 per fully diluted share, fourth quarter 2012 fully diluted earnings per share improved 50.8%.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, DXP reported net income of \$51.0 million, with fully diluted EPS of \$3.35 compared to year end December 31, 2011 net income of \$31.4 million, with EPS of \$2.08 for an improvement of \$19.5 million in net income or 62.1% per fully diluted share.

Sales for the fourth quarter of 2012 increased \$74.6 million, or 34.2% to approximately \$293.0 million from \$218.4 million for the same period in 2011.

For the year ended December 31, 2012, DXP reported a sales increase of \$290.1 million, or 35.9% to approximately \$1,097.1 million from \$807.0 million for 2011.

David R. Little, Chairman and Chief Executive Officer remarked, "We achieved outstanding results in 2012 and accomplished our goals, achieving sales of \$1.1 billion and EBITDA margins of 9.9%. I would like to thank our "DXPeople", as they continue to be the experts in the market while making DXP a fun place to work. We again showed we can deliver consistent organic results in a see-saw market. The execution of our strategy led to a solid year of top-line sales growth, year-over-year margin expansion, solid earnings improvement, accelerated acquisition activity and strong cash flow performance.

All three segments grew revenue and profits. Innovative Pumping Solutions lead the way again with 58% sales growth and 20% operating income margins. DXP Service Centers experienced 39% sales growth with 11% operating income margins. DXP Supply Chain Services finished with 8% sales growth and a significant improvement in operating income margins to 8%. We grew EBITDA margins from 8.1% in 2011 to 9.9% and we feel there is still room for additional margin improvement as we continue to find ways to instill pricing discipline. We completed seven strategic acquisitions in 2012, including establishing a meaningful presence in Canada. Total employees increased from approximately 2,100 to 2,817.

In the short term, there are still a lot of questions around the pace of growth in the U.S., an ongoing European distraction which does not materially impact DXP and the timing of a rebound in China which would lift overall industrial activity. We have demonstrated over the past few years our ability to compete successfully and deliver steady revenues and earnings through inconsistent times, and we are confident that we can continue to do so. That means we will continue to be conservative on costs while making sure we are in position to outperform as the market environment improves. DXP will continue our focus on gaining market share and remaining active on the acquisition front in 2013."

Mac McConnell, Chief Financial Officer added, "We are excited about our annual financial results which reflect accomplishing our sales growth and profitability goals. We grew sales by 36% over 2012 and achieved over 10% EBITDA margins in the second half. DXP generated over \$37 million in free cash flow which was primarily used to fund acquisitions. During the fourth quarter, we also amended and increased our credit facility by \$75 million. As of December 31, 2012, \$110 million was available to be borrowed under our credit facility with pro forma total debt to EBITDA of 1.87:1."

We will host a conference call regarding 2012 fourth quarter and year end results to be web cast live on the Company's website (www.dxpe.com) today at 5:00 P.M. Eastern time. Web participants are encouraged to go to the Company's website at least 15 minutes prior to the start of the call to register, download and install any necessary audio software. The online archived replay will be available immediately after the conference call at www.dxpe.com and at www.viavid.net.

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### About DXP Enterprises, Inc.

DXP Enterprises, Inc. is a leading products and service distributor that adds value and total cost savings solutions to industrial customers throughout the United States and Sonora, Mexico in virtually every industry since 1908. DXP provides innovative pumping solutions, supply chain services and maintenance, repair, operating and production ("MROP") services that emphasize and utilize DXP's vast product knowledge and technical expertise in rotating equipment, bearings, power transmission, industrial supplies and safety products and services. DXP's breadth of MROP products and service solutions allows DXP to be flexible and customer driven, creating competitive advantages for our customers. DXP's business segments include Service Centers, Innovative Pumping Solutions and Supply Chain Services. For more information, go to www.dxpe.com.

The Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 provides a "safe-harbor" for forward-looking statements. Certain information included in this press release (as well as information included in oral statements or other written statements made by or to be made by the Company) contains statements that are forward-looking. Such forward-looking information involves important risks and uncertainties that could significantly affect anticipated results in the future; and accordingly, such results may differ from those expressed in any forward-looking statement made by or on behalf of the Company. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to; ability to obtain needed capital, dependence on existing management, leverage and debt service, domestic or global economic conditions, and changes in customer preferences and attitudes. For more information, review the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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## DXP ENTERPRISES, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

		Years ending				Three Months Ending			
	December 31,				December 31,				
		2012		2011		2012		2011	
Sales	\$	1,097,110	\$	807,005	\$	293,006	\$	218,388	
Cost of sales		778,019		575,169		205,527		155,715	
Gross profit		319,091		231,836		87,479		62,673	
Selling, general and administrative expense		228,569		176,351		62,223		46,797	
Operating income		90,522		55,485		25,256		15,876	
Other income (expense)		47		28		14		(12)	
Interest expense		5,560		3,518		1,682		713	
Income before provision for income taxes		85,009		51,995		23,588		15,151	
Provision for income taxes		34,024		20,558		9,518		5,941	
Net income		50,985		31,437		14,070		9,210	
Per share and share amounts									
Basic earnings per common share	\$	3.54	\$	2.19	\$	0.98	\$	0.64	
Common shares outstanding		14,374		14,301		14,373		14,281	
Diluted earnings per share	\$	3.35	\$	2.08	\$	0.92	\$	0.61	
Common and common equivalent shares									
outstanding		15,214		15,141		15,213		15,121	

# Sales by Segment (in thousands)

		Ended ber 31,	Three Months Ended December 31,			
	2012	2011	2012	2011		
Service Centers	\$ 779,038	\$ 560,233	\$ 206,497	\$ 147,362		
Innovative Pumping Solutions	161,834	102,305	48,368	32,464		
Supply Chain Services	156,238	144,467	38,141	38,562		
Total Sales	\$1,097,110	\$ 807,005	\$ 293,006	\$ 218,388		

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### Unaudited Reconciliation of Non-GAAP Financial Information

The following table is a reconciliation of EBITDA\*\*, a non-GAAP financial measure, to income before income taxes, calculated and reported in accordance with U.S. GAAP (in thousands)

		Ended ber 31,	Three Months Ended December 31,			
	2012	2011	2012	2011		
Income before income taxes	\$ 85,009	\$ 51,995	\$ 23,588	\$ 15,151		
Plus interest expense	5,560	3,518	1,682	713		
Plus depreciation and amortization	18,082	10,082	4,974	2,562		
EBITDA	\$ 108,651	\$ 65,595	\$ 30,244	\$ 18,426		

<sup>\*\*</sup>EBITDA – earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization