



## **Free Online Service ([www.freePCIScore.com](http://www.freePCIScore.com)) Helps Software Developers Gauge Payment Application Security Vulnerabilities**

**Newark, CA – February 17, 2010** -- Payment Processing, Inc. (PPI), the industry leader for integrated payments, today announced a new online tool at [www.freePCIScore.com](http://www.freePCIScore.com). A component of the PPI Education Series, the site permits software developers to conduct a short survey, resulting in the generation of a Payment Application Risk Score. The score's meaning is explained for the developer, and potential next steps are provided. The site is particularly timely, given the July 1, 2010 mandates stating that acquirers must ensure their merchants, VNPs and agents use only compliant applications.

"PPI is dedicated to ensuring our software developer partners have every tool available to them to process integrated payments in an increasingly complex landscape," commented PPI Executive Vice President Chuck Riegel. "Understanding how vulnerable they are to cardholder data theft is the first step. Removing the threat of theft is the objective and PPI is out in front of the industry with products and services that address that goal."

### **About Payment Processing, Inc.**

Since 1995, PPI has been partnering with software developers and their customers, delivering nothing less than robust, stable, fully supported and profitable integrated payment solutions. In 2009, PPI processed in excess of \$5.5 billion in Visa® and MasterCard® payments. We provide developers with a full range of in-house services for building and promoting integrated payment solutions, including PPI-developed hosted payment services, integration support, customer support, marketing assistance and PA-DSS/PCI DSS security services. It's why more than 1,200 partners and 35,000 businesses have selected Payment Processing, Inc. as their dedicated payment professionals. Learn more at [www.paypros.com](http://www.paypros.com).

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