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Payment Processing, Inc. Offers a Comprehensive Set of Credit Card Data Security Services for Software Developers

Services dedicated to helping software developers assess, identify, plan and implement security requirements from credit card associations

Newark, California, October 10, 2006 - Payment Processing, Incorporated (PPI), the industry leader in integrated payment processing, today announced its plans to offer credit card data security services to software developers. This innovative PPI program is the first to focus on helping software developers implement more stringent information protection practices. With PPI's comprehensive suite of services, software developers and application service providers can customize strategies to achieve application validation in the fastest, most cost-effective manner. Services include support for both Payment Applications Best Practices (PABP) for packaged applications, and Payment Card Industry (PCI) Compliance for Software-as-a-Service (SaaS) applications.

“There is a great deal of confusion regarding credit card data security and best practices within the software community. PPI has structured this program to provide our software partners with the services they need to make sense of it all,” says Chuck Riegel, EVP of software products and partnerships. “It’s difficult for software developers to decipher the current best practices, so PPI has assembled a team of experts and services to offer its qualified Advantage Partners free PABP and PCI security consultation and education services. Our goal is to help our qualified partners achieve certification quickly and effortlessly so they can maintain a competitive edge in the marketplace.”

The new program is offered through PPI Developer Services, a specialized team of technology professionals devoted to helping software developers meet their information protection and compliancy requirements when using integrated transaction processing software. This step-by-step data security program includes:

- Security Education Service - explains the nuts and bolts of PABP and PCI requirements and provides recommended strategies for an organization to become compliant. The path to PABP compliancy begins with attending a PPI online educational seminar. The first session is scheduled for Wednesday, October 25th, 8-9am PST.
- Diagnostic Readiness Review - assesses an organization's current level of readiness and provides a customized statement of work for bringing an application or system closer to compliancy.
- Facilitated Compliance Plan - engages a VISA Qualified Data Security Company (QDSC) to provide PABP validation or PCI certification.

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“So many of the software developers we speak with are at a loss as to where to start,” says Riegel. “We help developers decipher the process and assess their application so they understand exactly what needs to be done to reach compliancy, and can build the requirements into their development schedule. Plus, we streamlined the entire certification process so developers can rely on us to do much of the work, thereby reducing the overall cost to the developer.”

As software developers begin to understand the real impact to their business and the impact on their customers, credit card data security compliance will become a necessary component of each software release. PPI is ready to help developers upgrade their information security features and achieve compliance quickly. In addition, PPI will also offer merchant PCI Compliancy services for customers of PPI Advantage Partners.

Says Harry Tu, CEO of Aldelo Systems, Inc. and a PPI Advantage Partner since 2002, “PPI helped us understand the process, assess our situation, and develop a realistic plan that fit with our development schedule. I’d recommend them in a heartbeat.”

Want to learn more? For a copy of the white paper, “Ten Things Application Developers Need to Know About Credit Card Data Security” and additional information on PPI’s credit card data security services, please visit www.paypros.com/ds/security.asp. For more information on the PPI Advantage Partner program, visit www.paypros.com/advantage.asp.

ABOUT PAYMENT PROCESSING, INC.

Payment Processing, Inc. (www.paypros.com) is the industry leader in providing integrated payment processing solutions. PPI provides software developers with a full range of services for integrating electronic payments including gateway services, integration support, merchant support and services, and PABP/PCI security assistance. Additionally, PPI provides software developers with the ability to generate additional revenue while substantially reducing their support costs for integrated payments.

Today, PPI is the most successful company in the world focused on integrated payment processing, supporting over 600 software developers and more than 15,000 merchants with efficient, cost-effective payment solutions. In 2006, PPI is on track to process in excess of \$3 billion in VISA and MasterCard® payments.

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