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## **FIRST NATIONAL MERCHANT SOLUTIONS AND TRUSTWAVE LAUNCH PCI DSS LEVEL 4 MERCHANT PROGRAM**

**CHICAGO, IL AND OMAHA, NE., August 6, 2009** – First National Merchant Solutions, one of the nation’s leading payment processors, today launched a Level 4<sup>1</sup> merchant program to validate compliance with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS).

All Level 4 businesses using First National Merchant Solutions services will have access to TrustKeeper®, Trustwave’s on-demand compliance management solution. TrustKeeper provides the automated tools necessary to support a business’ on-going compliance, such as quarterly network vulnerability scans. First National Merchant Solutions will also offer its customers access to TrustKeeper Agent, which provides on-site monitoring software that performs policy checks and inspects for prohibited data storage on any installed system.

“Validation not only meets industry standards, it protects our customers’ reputations,” said Diana Mehochko, president of First National Merchant Solutions. “A security breach carries a high cost, from a loss of customer trust to non-compliance fees and fines. To alleviate the risk, and help overcome what can be an overwhelming compliance process, we’re offering an extra level of assistance to our customers who may need it.”

In addition to providing access to Trustwave tools and services, First National Merchant Solutions is holding educational webinars throughout the summer to help answer customers’ questions and guide them through the compliance process. Trustwave will work with First

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<sup>1</sup> Level 4 merchants are defined as those processing fewer than 20,000 e-commerce transactions and/or fewer than 1 million card transactions per card brand.

National to provide merchants with Security Awareness Training, an educational platform that focuses on the specific security and compliance needs of Level 4 merchants.

“Validating compliance with the PCI DSS helps to protect merchants from data compromise and consequently reduces the risk of fraud,” says Robert J. McCullen, chairman and CEO of Trustwave. “Our solutions will help First National merchants better understand the PCI DSS and better protect cardholder data.”

### **About Trustwave**

Trustwave is the leading provider of on-demand and subscription-based information security and payment card industry compliance management solutions to businesses and government entities throughout the world. For organizations faced with today’s challenging data security and compliance environment, Trustwave provides a unique approach with comprehensive solutions that include its flagship TrustKeeper® compliance management software and other proprietary security solutions. Trustwave has helped thousands of organizations—ranging from Fortune 500 businesses and large financial institutions to small and medium-sized retailers—manage compliance and secure their network infrastructure, data communications and critical information assets. Trustwave is headquartered in Chicago with offices throughout North America, South America, Europe, Africa, China and Australia. For more information, visit <https://www.trustwave.com>.

### **About First National Merchant Solutions**

First National Merchant Solutions is a top 10 payment processor with more than 50 years of experience providing first-rate service and solutions to businesses across North America. With the combined resources of parent company First National Bank of Omaha and a dedicated, experienced team of industry professionals, First National Merchant Solutions provides complete in-house processing with unparalleled customer service to meet the long-term needs of its customers.

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