

## **Merchant Services Provides Low-Cost Online Tool for Merchants to Complete Payment Card Industry Data Security Standards (PCI DSS) Compliance Requirements**

June 28, 2011; Irvine, CA – Merchant Services of Irvine has partnered with a leading data security company to provide a simple, easy-to-use online compliance certification program.

The PCI Toolkit® is an interactive, online system that provides the educational tools necessary to complete PCI compliance quickly and accurately. The program performs a Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) that all merchants are required to complete annually in order to assess potential vulnerabilities and assist businesses with achieving compliance. This is one of the easiest, user-friendly programs available in today's market.

The program enables each merchant to proceed at their own pace and provides an intuitive step by step instruction process, which enables most merchants to complete the SAQ in less than 15 minutes.

The PCI Toolkit® was designed with the small to mid-size merchant in mind and provides educational resources, sample operating policies, risk mitigation strategies to support quick and effective remediation of system or operational flaws.

“This new toolkit provides our merchants with a cost-effective, simplified online certification program. Ease of use, efficiency and low cost were some of the key elements we were looking for and, after a lengthy search effort, we were able to find all three in the PCI Toolkit,” shared Nathan Jurczyk, Vice President of Merchant Services. “By offering these types of comprehensive programs we are maintaining our commitment to our business partners to provide them with services that bring real value, and in this case, protection – to their business.”

### **About Merchant Services**

Founded in 1995, Merchant Services, located in Irvine, California, is a leading provider of e-commerce solutions to businesses throughout the United States. Recognized in 2009 and 2010 by Inc. Magazine as one of *The 5000 Fastest Growing Privately-Held Companies in the U.S.*, Merchant Services provides sound, reliable and cost-effective bankcard and e-commerce support to tens of thousands of business partners nationwide.

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