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Payment Alliance International Partners with Panoptic Security to Deliver Turnkey PCI Compliance Solution

Partnership Enables Merchants to Instantly Validate PCI Compliance through Online Portal

LOUISVILLE, Ky., and SALT LAKE CITY, June 18, 2012 (Business Wire) – [Payment Alliance International](#) (PAI), a leader in electronic payment processing solutions, and [Panoptic Security](#), an award-winning Qualified Security Assessor (QSA) that specializes in [Payment Card Industry \(PCI\) Data Security Standard \(DSS\)](#) compliance programs, jointly announced they have entered into a strategic partnership to provide PAI merchants with access to an online PCI compliance portal. Panoptic's [ExpertPCI](#) solution has been integrated into the [PAI Secure program](#), PAI's industry-leading PCI compliance and indemnification program, where participating merchants can now complete their PCI industry-mandated Self-Assessment Questionnaires (SAQs) and Network IP Scans online by using a guided step-by-step SAQ wizard.

"We are very excited about our partnership with Panoptic Security to deliver an even more efficient way for our merchants to become PCI compliant," states John J. Leehy, III, president and chief executive officer of Payment Alliance International. "We understand just how critical PCI compliance is in protecting their customers' card information." Leehy further states, "By integrating ExpertPCI into our PAI Secure program, we can offer a truly turnkey package for our merchant customers that includes education on the PCI DSS and how to become compliant, online PCI compliance validation, as well as a level of financial protection from losses that may occur in the event of a security breach."

The Panoptic Security ExpertPCI solution delivers higher compliance rates than industry averages by simplifying the process, shortening the time for merchants to complete the SAQ, and guiding them through one step at a time. For the third consecutive year, ExpertPCI garnered a Global Excellence Award by [Info Security Products Guide](#) for the best PCI solution. "Our solution is second to none in the industry in driving PCI compliance, and we look forward to bringing these benefits to PAI's customers," says Matthew Hoffman, Panoptic Security's chief executive officer.

Through this partnership and enhancements to the PAI Secure program, enrolled PAI merchants can begin validating their PCI compliance in a much more secure and efficient manner than the traditional paper-based SAQ and Network IP Scan process.

About Payment Alliance International (PAI)

Payment Alliance International is a leading provider of payment processing solutions for businesses nationwide. As the nation's largest deployer of ATMs, PAI provides ATM processing and maintenance services, ATM equipment sales and support, and ATM branding programs. PAI also offers comprehensive payment and small business solutions including credit, debit and prepaid card acceptance services, remote deposit capture and check processing, ecommerce solutions, ATM/email/mobile marketing, and loyalty programs...all designed to maximize customer success and make business easy. Payment Alliance International is based in Louisville, Ky., with offices in West Palm Beach, Fla., Jackson, Miss. and Billings, Mont. For more information, please visit www.GoPAI.com or follow us on [Facebook](#) and [Twitter](#).

About Panoptic Security

Panoptic Security is a technology security company that specializes in PCI DSS compliance programs for small and mid-size merchants. Its ExpertPCI online web application guides merchants through the murky waters of PCI compliance, including both PCI Self-Assessment Questionnaire (SAQ) and network vulnerability scanning, enabling merchants to assess and validate their PCI compliance simply and quickly. The intuitive Panoptic approach to PCI compliance has resulted in the highest portfolio compliance rates in the industry. For information, contact sales@panopticsecurity.com or visit www.panopticsecurity.com.

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