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## **Payment Alliance International Named 2011 Hot Dozen Company** *12 of the Hottest Early Stage Companies in Louisville Debuted at 21c Museum Hotel*

**Louisville, KY., September 19, 2011** – [Payment Alliance International \(PAI\)](#), a leader in electronic payment processing solutions and the [Electronic Transactions Association's \(ETA\)](#) 2011 "ISO of the Year," has been named a 2011 Hot Dozen company by Greater Louisville Inc.'s EnterpriseCorp. The Hot Dozen is an annual celebration of 12 locally-owned companies who have benefited from Louisville's entrepreneurial atmosphere and continue to flourish in our region. The companies represent the cutting edge of innovation and entrepreneurship in Louisville's business community.

John J. Leehy, III, president and chief executive officer of Payment Alliance International, states, "We are honored to have been selected as a 2011 Hot Dozen company from Greater Louisville Inc.'s EnterpriseCorp and are excited to be sharing this recognition with such a terrific group of Louisville companies. Our team loves what we do, and the fact that we get to do it in such a wonderful, "business friendly" city as Louisville makes it all the better. We're proud to call this town home and grateful for the unending support and encouragement we receive."

Honoring them is part of EnterpriseCorp's mission to create a new culture of entrepreneurship, provide strategic and network solutions that help client companies realize their full potential and dramatically increase the number and quality of fast-growth, entrepreneurial companies headquartered in our region.

"This year's dozen is an exceptional group. We are confident they will add to the tradition of success realized by several of our past honorees. This year's group shows a continued strength in life sciences, a strong push in software, and unique approaches to distribution of novel services and products. All these companies boast outstanding teams and "think big" mentalities. Several also display the ability to quickly create employment opportunities for the community. We really look forward to cheering on their continued development," commented Bobby Ferreri, EnterpriseCorp executive director.

Founded in 2005, PAI has experienced explosive growth through innovative products and superior service. Today, the company has more than 80,000 customers and is the largest ATM deployer in North America, with more than 56,000 locations in the PAI Alliance Network. Uniquely positioned in the payments marketplace, PAI offers payment solutions to retailers, financial institutions and market distributors that encompass credit and debit processing, check services, cash management solutions, ATM branding and ATM management.

The company was honored in an event held Sept. 14 at 21c Museum Hotel and sponsored by Hilliard Lyons. Payment Alliance International is proud to earn the Hot Dozen distinction and enjoy the opportunity to be a part of the thriving entrepreneurial community of Greater Louisville.

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**About Payment Alliance International (PAI)**

Payment Alliance International is a leading provider of payment processing solutions for businesses nationwide and has been recognized as the 2011 “ISO of the Year” by the Electronic Transactions Association (ETA). We are the world’s largest deployer of ATMs and provide ATM processing and maintenance services, ATM equipment sales and support and ATM branding programs. We also provide comprehensive payment solutions including credit, debit, and prepaid card acceptance services, remote deposit capture and check processing, mobile payments and eCommerce solutions...all designed to maximize customer success and make business easy. Payment Alliance International is based in Louisville, Ky., with offices in West Palm Beach, Fl., Jackson, Miss. and Billings, Mont. For more information, please visit [www.GoPAI.com](http://www.GoPAI.com).

**About EnterpriseCorp**

EnterpriseCorp is the enterprise development arm of Greater Louisville Inc. - The Metro Chamber of Commerce that cultivates Louisville’s entrepreneurial vitality. With help from community partners, they keep Louisville at the top of the nation’s list of “entrepreneurial hot spots” by serving the companies that create the vast majority of new wealth, new revenue and new jobs. Clients range from technology start-ups to established, fast-growth companies to mature businesses in traditional industries. EnterpriseCorp provides the voice, outreach, assistance and education for all that is entrepreneurial in Greater Louisville. For more information on EnterpriseCorp, visit [www.EnterpriseCorp.com](http://www.EnterpriseCorp.com).

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