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Merchants Information Solutions, Inc. acquires Personnel Profiles Employment Screening, Inc., to form background screening services powerhouse

Merchants is now Arizona's largest company supplying employment screening services

PHOENIX, ARIZONA (October 16, 2006) — Merchants Information Solutions, Inc. announced today the completion of its acquisition of Mesa-based Personnel Profiles Employment Screening, Inc., a move which further positions Merchants as Arizona's leading provider of business information products, including expanded employment screening services, resident screening, identity theft management, consumer and business credit, mortgage reporting, and collections.

Personnel Profiles Employment Screening, Inc. is an Arizona-based firm providing pre-employment screening solutions to employers in Arizona and across the United States and Canada. They are known in the industry for their technologically-advanced screening platform and for providing high quality background checks that are reviewed by licensed private investigators for the same price as regular background reports.

Personnel Profiles' innovative approach enables businesses to screen candidates quickly while streamlining the application process. The results are provided in color coded report format that are easy to read, while providing employers with personalized service and instant results – best practices Merchants intends on expanding.

"We are excited about the Merchants/Personnel Profile combination because it allows us to be a prominent leader in pre-employment background screening services," said Russ Johnson, president and CEO of Merchants Information Solutions. "Merchants is excited to offer a full suite of pre-employment background solutions, providing our clients the tools they need to decrease their risk and potential liability from substandard hiring decisions."

Pre-employment screening has become one of the fastest growing tools that Human Resources professionals utilize to hire and retain quality staff. According to a recent survey conducted by the Society of Human Resource Management, 87% of the companies surveyed performed regular reference checks and 69% performed pre-employment background checks.



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“Pre-employment screening has become the HR Manager’s tool of choice in identifying qualified candidates during the hiring process,” said Sandy Baker, president and founder of Personnel Profiles. “Hiring the wrong individual is time consuming and costly to businesses. This partnership means we are offering more businesses the opportunity to hire qualified individuals through our background screening services that are hand-inspected for accuracy, integrity, and compliance with Federal, state, and industry standards.”

About Merchants Information Solutions, Inc.

Phoenix-based Merchants Information Solutions, Inc. has been in business since 1912, and is a privately held company with more than 2,600 business clients. Merchants is a nationally recognized consumer and business credit information company focused on corporate risk reduction. The company provides background screening services for both pre-employment and tenant screening, as well as, identity theft management solutions, consumer, business, and mortgage credit information, and full-service collections services. For more information about Merchants Information Solutions, please visit www.merchantsinfo.com.

About Personnel Profiles Employment Screening, Inc.

Founded in 1997, Personnel Profiles Employment Screening, Inc. specializes in providing high quality background screening services. Personnel Profiles’ searches and reports are complete, correct and compliant. The company is a founding member of the National Association of Professional Background Screeners, a national association formed to ensure integrity, honesty, and compliance in the background screening industry. For more information about Personnel Profiles, please visit www.personnelprofiles.com.