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Veracity Payment Solutions Announces Service Center in Aiken, S.C. *\$3 Million Investment to Bring 100 Jobs to the Region*

COLUMBIA, S.C. – September 20, 2007 – The South Carolina Department of Commerce today joined the Economic Development Partnership of Aiken and Edgefield Counties in announcing that Veracity Payment Solutions will establish its customer service center in Aiken, S.C. The company's \$3 million investment will bring 100 new jobs to the region.

"With tremendous support from the state and local governments and the people of South Carolina, Veracity is proud to announce the opening of our new call center in Aiken," said Stephanie Sharp, Chief Financial Officer, Veracity Payment Solutions. "We would like to thank the Economic Development Partnership for coordinating our search efforts and making this decision an easy one. With the benefits of the readySC training program and the availability to access a highly capable workforce due to the emerging retirement populations and secondary educational systems here in Aiken, this area is a perfect fit for Veracity. We look forward to a building a strong community relationship with Aiken and world-class call center."

The state's worker training program, readySC™, has been nationally recognized for its ability to offer customized training for businesses and was ranked 4th in the nation by *Expansion Management* magazine.

"As we work to compete in a global economy, our ability to deliver a skilled workforce is increasingly important. Today's announcement certainly speaks to our success in that regard as well as to our efforts to improve the economic soil conditions for business growth. We remain committed to continuing these efforts to keep growing industry and creating jobs for more South Carolinians," said Gov. Mark Sanford.

"Veracity offers a full range of services including payment processing and information services for its clients. The company depends on skilled workers to deliver its products successfully, that is why Veracity's commitment to bring new jobs to Aiken further demonstrates the strength and diversity of our workforce. Thanks to the team efforts of state and local officials, Veracity will be a great addition to our business community," said Joe Taylor, Secretary of Commerce.

Veracity will establish a customer service center in the former Belk at Kalmia Plaza during the first quarter of 2008. The company will start with approximately one-third of the space (13,000 sq ft) with intentions to grow into the entire building over time. Veracity currently has temporary office space in the same shopping center.

"We are excited by Veracity's commitment to create new jobs in Aiken County. I am confident they will find a well-qualified workforce that will exceed their expectations. This is the start of a great relationship," said Ronnie Young, Chairman, Aiken County Council.

"The service sector is the fastest growing segment of our local economy. Veracity continues this trend. They will provide well-paid, skilled jobs that will further diversify our employment base," said John Troutman, Chairman, Economic Development Partnership.

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“We are excited that Veracity is coming to Aiken and will locate in the former Belk at Kalmia Plaza. Veracity is a great match and the employment opportunities they will create are most welcome,” said Fred Cavanaugh, Mayor, City of Aiken.

About Veracity Payment Solutions

Veracity Payment Solutions is committed to the delivery of exceptional payment processing and information services. Veracity serves the merchant community, trade associations, community banks, and merchant level sales agents by offering full service point-of-sale solutions, web-based reporting, and management tools. Veracity is headquartered in Atlanta, Georgia, with its operations facility in Aiken, South Carolina. Veracity’s key focus is to support its customers and ensure price transparency and clarity in every aspect of the merchant services programs provided. Visit www.veracitypayments.com for more information or career opportunities.

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