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LEATHERMAN NAMED SENIOR VICE PRESIDENT OF BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT FOR FIRST NATIONAL MERCHANT SOLUTIONS

(OMAHA, Neb., Sept. 29, 2006) – First National Merchant Solutions, one of the nation’s leading payment processors, today announced that Mike Leatherman has been named Senior Vice President of Business Development. In his new position, Leatherman is responsible for overseeing all of First National Merchant Solutions’ sales channels, and will assist in the development and execution of the organization’s long-term business development strategies.

Leatherman most recently directed the community bank effort for First National Bank of Omaha’s commercial lending group. A 16-year veteran within the financial industry, he has also held several business development and senior management positions within First National Bank, Fifth Third Bancorp, General Electric and Robert Half International, Inc. With his proven track record and many years of financial industry experience, Leatherman will be a valuable addition to First National Merchant Solutions’ management team.

Leatherman holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in finance, banking and corporate communications from Buena Vista University.

About First National Merchant Solutions

First National Merchant Solutions is a top 10 payment processor with more than 50 years of experience providing first-rate service and solutions to businesses across the nation. With the combined resources of parent company First National Bank of Omaha and a dedicated, experienced team of industry professionals, First National Merchant Solutions provides complete in-house processing with unparalleled customer service every day to meet the long-term needs of our customers. For more information visit www.fnms.com.

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