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IT Consulting Firm ENTAP Expands into Missouri with Statewide Retail Deployment of Credit Card Processing Technology for Government-Issued Benefits

INDIANAPOLIS (October 10, 2011) -- ENTAP, an Indiana-based IT consulting and outsourcing firm specializing in [enterprise resource planning solutions](#) for the public sector, has opened a location in Jefferson City, Missouri to fulfill a five-year contract awarded by the State of Missouri Department of Social Services to deploy and manage Electronic Benefit Transfer (EBT) terminals in retail locations across the state.

"I'm pleased to announce the opening of ENTAP's office in the state capital of Missouri and the hire of several full time staff to fulfill this contract," says ENTAP Vice President of Delivery Joey Harpst. "As a certified Minority Business Enterprise in Missouri, ENTAP intends to invest in the local business community and pursue additional contract opportunities with federal, state and local government agencies."

The team of ENTAP and FIS, a global financial technology provider and the project's prime contractor, will provide EBT terminal deployment and management services for the retailers across the state. "The deployment of nearly 3,000 new terminals will enable 1,800 Missouri merchants to accept EBT cards and process them through their point of sale terminals seamlessly, just like a credit or debit card transaction," Harpst states.

ENTAP is responsible for training retailers on using the new EBT terminals to process purchases by those who receive Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits through Missouri's Department of Social Services. The terminals will streamline the retail checkout process, and enable benefit recipients and merchants alike to utilize an alternative to paper food stamp coupons.

ENTAP and FIS recently partnered to install and manage credit card processing technology for the Indiana Bureau of Motor Vehicles and the Indiana Department of Natural Resources. ENTAP also is pursuing similar contract opportunities with FIS in Pennsylvania and Illinois.

About ENTAP

ENTAP, Inc., an IT consulting and outsourcing firm headquartered in Indianapolis, Indiana, provides [enterprise business applications and systems consulting](#) and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) solutions. The firm offers applications and systems integration services across all technology platforms, operating systems and infrastructures, and specializes in application integration of financial, human resource, supply chain and customer relationship management (CRM) systems. ENTAP participates in government contracting vehicles including GSA (GS-35F-0431W), Navy SeaPort-e (N00178-10-D-6026) and DHS EAGLE I; is a nationally certified Minority Business Enterprise (MBE); and is SBA 8(a) eligible to receive Federal contracts. ENTAP has offices in Indiana, Jefferson City, Missouri and Bethesda, Maryland. For more information call 317-634-9523 or visit <http://www.entap.com>.

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