

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**CONTACT: Angela Diffly
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Partners Demonstrate Commitment to Check 21 Banking Solutions**

Long Beach, CA, March 13, 2007 – Today Epson, the leading supplier of value-added banking solutions, announced that three additional partners have completed the Epson Scan21 Certification Program – Automated Systems, Inc., BLM Technologies, Inc. and Metropolitan Sales Company. To date, a total of eight partners have completed the program, which is designed to ensure successful sales, installation and support of the company’s TM-J9100 check scanning printer, the industry’s first scanner with integrated printer capable of check and ID imaging at the teller station. These partners have demonstrated a commitment to comprehensive banking solutions that allow banks to capitalize on the tremendous cost-saving advantages associated with Check Clearing for the 21st Century Act (“Check 21”).

Scan21 Program Benefits

Epson recognizes that successfully implementing Check 21 banking solutions requires a fully trained network of partners, as well as considerable partner expertise and coordination between multiple vendors. Epson’s TM-J9100 provides certified partners with a strategic value-added technology that differentiates them in their markets, positions them for industry leadership, and delivers the high business potential that protects their margins. Epson’s Scan21 certification offers resellers, OEMs, and distributors the training and credentials they need to gain end-user confidence and credibility.

Eligibility and qualification

The Epson Scan21 Certification Program is open to all Epson Envision partners, which include business partners, authorized distributors, as well as VARs who purchase Epson product through OEMs or distribution. To qualify, partners must demonstrate that banking solutions are a key component of their business plan and must also demonstrate established technical support, integration and quality assurance capabilities. Partners must assign dedicated sales and technical staff to complete comprehensive training courses and actively support all banking solutions-related business.

Epson performs certifications following a standardized three-step course and testing process that ensures partners are qualified and able to maintain a dedicated commitment to the technology. For more information on the

Epson Scan21 Certified Partner program, how you can apply for certification, or how you can find an Epson Scan21 Certified Reseller, contact your Epson representative.

About Automated Systems, Inc.

Automated Systems Inc. has worked with community banks since 1981 to provide the technological solutions necessary to address community bank management's needs. ASI develops and supports software to help its customers operate efficiently and effectively. ASI also provides network support and consultative services to enable clients to maximize the latest technologies. With offices in Lincoln, NE, Carmel, IN, and Kansas City, KS, ASI is well-positioned to supply full-service technology solutions to its clients. For more information, please visit www.asiweb.com.

About BLM Technologies, Inc.

With over 25 years in the financial industry, BLM Technologies is a single-source provider of branch automation services to large and mid-sized financial institutions. BLM provides complete solutions including hardware sales, service and installation; banking specific software and software integration; on-site maintenance options; asset disposal/recycling services; IT staffing; procurement and fulfillment services; and depot maintenance services. For more information, please visit www.BLMtechnology.com.

About Metropolitan Sales Company

Metropolitan Sales Company is a value-add distributor of point-of-sale, banking, bar coding, and wireless mobility hardware to resellers across the United States. For over 25 years, Metropolitan Sales has offered cutting-edge technology with exceptional technical support, responsive customer services, and fast delivery. Metropolitan Sales excels in custom system integration and design services. Lead generation, marketing support programs, systems configuration, and logistical support are also provided. Please visit www.metsales.com for more information.

About Epson

Epson is one of the world's leading manufacturers of highly-reliable point-of-service technology, including printers, precision printing mechanisms and digital image scanners. Epson's integrated check scanner and printer was the first to bring image-based Electronic Check Conversion (ECC) to high-volume retail point-of-sale environments. Ranked first in POS peripherals in the RIS News 2006 Hardware Leaderboard and the Vertical Systems Reseller 2006 Hardware Leaderboard, Epson offers an extensive array of POS printers and transaction terminals and digital marketing solutions for the retail, hospitality, supermarket and banking markets. Founded in 1975 and headquartered in Long Beach, CA, Epson America, Inc. is the U.S. affiliate of Japan-based Seiko Epson Corporation, a global manufacturer and supplier of high-quality technology products that meet customer demands for increased functionality, compactness, systems integration and energy efficiency. For more information, please visit www.pos.epson.com/banking.

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