## EPNA is the <u>only</u> Women-Owned Business Enterprise in Credit Card Processing and Equipment Sales in Illinois

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Recently certified by the City of Chicago and Cook County, Electronic Processing of North America, LLC (EPNA) is proud to earn the WBE certification. EPNA, an independent merchant services provider, achieves the great distinction of being the <u>only</u> business in its space to be WBE certified.

"EPNA is pleased to be recognized as a responsible business that meets the city and county's rigorous criteria," said Laura Demke-Calixte, CEO. EPNA knows that customers are not just looking for payment acceptance, but that they are looking for a credit card processor that they can trust, and that provides the solutions that will help them grow their business. Now, with the WBE certification, EPNA offers additional benefits to those merchants doing business with the city or county. "We are excited to work with merchants who can benefit from our certification, and we hope to grow our businesses together," added Demke-Calixte.

## About EPNA

EPNA works with merchants in all industries (mobile, retail, restaurant, mail order/telephone order, government, and non-profit) and provides the ability to accept electronic (credit, debit, mobile) payments through a variety of cutting-edge and customizable solutions. In addition, EPNA offers zero % cost processing as well as merchant accounts for CBD providers. EPNA provides transparent pricing, next day funding, 24/7/365 friendly customer service, and no contract requirements. EPNA partners with Financial Institutions, CPA's, Consulting Firms, Private Equity Firms, and many more. In the business to business (B2B) space, EPNA has technology to reduce fees by .80%-1.25% on Purchasing, GSA, Level II and Level III business cards. David K., Controller, Advent Systems, Inc. stated, "Thank you for your help in converting over to your company. It's nice to know that we will be saving 40% on the service fees going forward."

EPNA opened a store-front, which is a novelty in the processing space, where merchants can test the latest terminals before making a purchase, and where merchants envision and plan the next phase of their business, like e-commerce. "With EPNA having some of the lowest attrition rates in the industry, we take pride in familiarizing ourselves with each business or partner and always make sure we listen and truly understand their goals." said Demke-Calixte.

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