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## Professional Solutions Enters into Strategic Agreement with Electronic Clearing House (ECHO) to Consolidate Childcare Payment Processing Services

Medford, Oregon, July 17, 2007– Professional Solutions, a market leader in childcare management software with more than 15,000 clients, announced a strategic agreement [technology partnership agreement] with Electronic Clearing House, Inc. (NASDAQ: *ECHO*), a leading provider of electronic payment and transaction processing services. The agreement will allow Professional Solutions to consolidate its payment processing services for its child care clients' ACH and credit card payments to a single processor.

"This single source solution will support the rapid growth that Professional Solutions' Tuition Express service has experienced over the last few years. Our clients will benefit from the combination of the operational efficiencies of Tuition Express enhanced by *ECHO*'s leading electronic payment technology and services. This partnership will provide our clients with the most efficient electronic payment processing experience possible," said Jeffrey Blum, President, Professional Solutions.

As a Tier 1 payment processor, *ECHO* will support the front end and back end of Tuition Express' payment processing module, enabling processing of both credit cards and electronic checks. . Tuition Express will now have a single processor for all of its ACH and credit card processing, leveraging *ECHO*'s superior services for both Professional Solutions and its Tuition Express Users.

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“Our more than two decades of payment expertise in credit card and eCheck processing supplies our merchant account clients and partners like Professional Solutions with convenient, reliable and cost effective payment processing,” Chuck Harris, President and CEO, explained. “We will be marketing in tandem with Professional Solutions to ensure that each one of its clients fully appreciates the value we provide, both in smooth integration to the ProCare solution and in competitive pricing.”

"Professional Solutions is a market leader in childcare management solutions. The agreement with ECHO provides us with a great opportunity to further extend our Tuition Express services to assist ProCare users nationwide in the collection of their childcare related payments," said Kurtis Hutsell, Vice President of Financial Operations for Professional Solutions.

Tuition Express and *ECHO* will begin to roll out the initiatives outlined in the agreement beginning early third quarter 2007.

***About Professional Solutions:*** Professional Solutions, developers of ProCare Center Management System is the industry leader in childcare management software solutions. Professional Solutions continues to advance the standard of childcare management, with a focused commitment to help childcare providers achieve excellence in business. Through the company's innovation, research and development ProCare delivers the most efficient, user friendly software solution available to the childcare industry. By maintaining its finger on the pulse of the childcare industry, Professional Solutions introduced its Tuition Express Service in 2003. Users now collect all their childcare payments electronically. Tuition Express is the fastest growing segment of the company, generating significant recurring revenue to the company's bottom line. Professional Solutions continues to keep its eye on the horizon, swiftly addressing the childcare industries software needs well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century. For further information, please visit the Professional Solutions web site at [www.procaresoftware.com](http://www.procaresoftware.com). The site offers in-depth information about ProCare Software's suite of childcare management software solutions and its Tuition Express Service.

***About Electronic Clearing House, Inc. (ECHO):*** A merchant account with *ECHO* ([www.echo--inc.com](http://www.echo--inc.com)) provides a complete payment solution for merchants nationwide, either directly from *ECHO* or through sales channels that include technology partners, banks, collection agencies and other acquiring entities. Serving a broad range of businesses, *ECHO*'s fully integrated payment processing includes credit card processing, electronic check conversion (ECC), check guarantee, check verification, check collection and debit cards.

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