



Electronic Payments Core of Knowledge

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### **EPCOR Announces Payment Systems Award Winner**

COLUMBUS, Oh. (May 24, 2017) – EPCOR® - *Your Electronic Payments Core of Knowledge* today announced the recipient of its Payments Systems Awards at the Recognition Luncheon of *EPCOR Payments Conference – Spring 2017* at the Hilton Polaris.

EPCOR CEO Ann-Marie Bartels, AAP, presented the *2017 David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award* to George McKee III of Profit Engine, LLC and the *2017 Marquis Award* to Benita Penick of PBI Bank.

George McKee III, President, CEO and Co-Founder of Profit Engine accepted the *2017 David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award* in recognition of the company’s innovative mobile business app, MACH1, which stands for “Mobile ACH for 1-Person Companies.” MACH1 furthers the reach of electronic payments by enabling ACH acceptance for even the smallest merchants and service providers, including the estimated 35 million one-person businesses operating in the United States. Providing the ability to create and send bills in seconds, capture photos or video and send special offers, businesses can use MACH1 without requiring customers to download the app.



*George McKee, III accepts the 2017 David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award from Ann-Marie Bartels*

“The MACH1 app is an impressive solution that will help one-person businesses create and send bills and receive payments via the ACH. George McKee and Profit Engine LLC is certainly deserving of the *David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award*,” said Bartels.

Benita Penick, AAP, NCP, Operations Supervisor, PBI Bank was acknowledged for her facilitation of a two-month training challenge encouraging PBI Bank employees to further their payments expertise, including in areas beyond their current job functions, utilizing EPCOR's on-demand training library. For each session completed during the challenge employees received one entry to a drawing for a goodie bag and \$25 restaurant gift card. A total of 41 courses were completed during the challenge period, raising the level of payments expertise held by PBI Bank employees.

“As a member-focused association, we are always excited to learn when member organizations utilize the tools and resources we have created in ways that benefit their associates. Benita Penick, helped EPCOR further our mission of ensuring our members have the knowledge necessary to succeed in the ever-evolving electronic payments business,” explained Bartels.

The *David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award* recognizes individuals or organizations that have implemented innovative payments or risk management solutions. This award is named after the late David P. DeMarea, longstanding EPCOR Director and Senior Vice President of ARVEST Bank Operations. The *Marquis Award* is presented annually in recognition of an individual or organization that exemplifies best practices in electronic payments implementation, expands awareness and utilization of ACH payments or contributes greatly to the mission of EPCOR.

### **About EPCOR® – *Your Electronic Payments Core of Knowledge***

EPCOR is a not-for-profit trade association providing electronic payments and risk management information, education, support and national industry representation to U.S. financial institutions. EPCOR's purpose is to assist banks, credit unions and thrifts in maintaining compliance, reducing risk and enhancing the overall operational efficiency of electronic payments. EPCOR members include over 2,100 banks, credit unions, thrifts and affiliated organizations located in Arkansas, Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Kentucky, Missouri, Nebraska, Oklahoma, Ohio, Pennsylvania and West Virginia. For more information on EPCOR, visit [www.epcor.org](http://www.epcor.org).

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