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**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PROFESSIONAL BACKGROUND SCREENERS LAUNCHES
ENHANCED TENANT SCREENING SERVICES**

Effort Supports Compliance and Best Practices

MORRISVILLE, NC, MAY 17, 2010 – The National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS®) today announced the launch of a suite of enhanced services for tenant screeners. NAPBS has always served the tenant screening industry and is the voice for organizations interested in offering high-quality data and services to their customers. The improved tenant screening services offered by NAPBS will follow its promotion of compliance and best practices among these organizations.

The importance of screening prospective tenants may seem obvious, but comprehension of the consequences of not conducting professional investigations that are compliant with federal laws is imperative. In addition to financial losses, improper screening can put landlords in a position of legal liability if FCRA provisions are not followed. Liability can include lawsuits and/or criminal prosecution.

“Since our founding, NAPBS has always supported and promoted tenant screening as part of our services to members,” said Tracy Seabrook, CAE, executive director of NAPBS. “The augmented offerings were developed to assist screeners in conducting secure investigations that protect sensitive data and meet all requirements, and to help landlords in their efforts to fill their properties with the right tenants.”

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The NAPBS tenant screening enhancements provide benefits for both screeners and end-users. Screeners are given direction in consumer dispute processing, proper handling of data including security storage and displaying social security numbers, and Experian Independent Third Party Assessment (EI3PA) requirements for platform providers. EI3PA is required to determine how information is being protected, both externally and internally, from unauthorized users. End-user requirements are issued by the Federal Trade Commission and include consumer authorization of the investigation, notification of adverse action and proper storing and handling of reports.

For more information about how NAPBS can provide your organization with industry recognized tenant screening education and resources, please call 919.459.2082 or visit www.napbs.com.

About NAPBS®

Founded in 2003 as a non-profit trade association, the National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS) represents the interests of more than 700 member companies around the world that offer tenant, employment and background screening. NAPBS provides relevant programs and training aimed at empowering members to better serve clients and maintain standards of excellence in the background screening industry, and presents a unified voice in the development of national, state and local regulations. For more information, visit www.napbs.com.

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