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### **Vendors Avoid Penalties, Assure Compliance with the PCI DSS 1.1 Toolkit from Configuresoft**

*Enterprise Configuration Manager (ECM) Automates and Continuously Audits  
Policy-based Configurations Against Updated Credit Card Standards*

**COLORADO SPRINGS, CO—November 14, 2006**—Merchants, service providers and industry stakeholders required to comply with the Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard (PCI DSS) 1.1 by the January deadline can quickly do so with proven, authoritative toolkits issued by Configuresoft. An innovator in systems management technology and the creator of the enterprise Configuration Intelligence™ market, Configuresoft today announced the availability of the PCI DSS 1.1 Compliance Toolkit for Enterprise Configuration Manager (ECM) to help organizations assess their IT infrastructure and ensure compliance with the new standard.

Enforcement of the new standard will be more stringent with increased financial penalties for non-compliance and the real threat of credit card acceptance privileges being suspended or revoked. Gartner analysts John Pescatore and Avivah Litan suggest in a September 2006 ITCi article that being proactive toward data breaches holds many advantages for the bottom line. “Protecting customer data is much less expensive than dealing with a security breach in which records are exposed and potentially misused. The Payment Card Industry compliance requirements provide enterprises with good justification to increase data protection.”

Introduced in September 2006, the PCI DSS 1.1 will take effect in January 2007 and establishes tighter requirements for securing financial information and ensuring compliance. Configuresoft’s Center for Policy & Compliance (CP&C) issued the PCI Compliance Toolkit for ECM to enable customers to assess and meet the compliance standards. The toolkits benefit vendors and merchants with:

- Comprehensive Knowledge: all six major security standard sections;
- Accelerated Time to Value: “Drop & Deploy” approach reduces implementation time to minutes;
- Heterogeneous Compliance: coverage extends across Windows, UNIX and Linux systems.

“On the surface, the credit card industry appears to be going in the right direction, and the Configuresoft CP&C applauds its diligence to get vendors and merchants to step up their efforts in securing sensitive credit card information,” said Chris Farrow, director of the Configuresoft CP&C. “It has more teeth than regulations like Sarbanes-Oxley or HIPAA because companies cannot afford to relinquish their ability to accept credit cards as payment. Our toolkits ensure that organizations meet the standards for PCI DSS 1.1 compliance, and help keep their customers’ data secure and auditors off their backs.”

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More information about the Configuresoft PCI DSS 1.1.toolkits is available at:  
[www.configuresoft.com/Solutions/pciDss.aspx](http://www.configuresoft.com/Solutions/pciDss.aspx).

### **About Configuresoft's Center for Policy & Compliance**

The Center for Policy & Compliance team, which is comprised of policy experts, former auditors and early contributors to the Federal mandates and standards, have prepared a comprehensive series of automated checks and controls that include access control, audit control, and access change monitoring. By translating regulatory issues and best practices into measurable criteria, this toolkit will help an organization meet its automated strategy for the new PCI DSS standards.

### **About Configuresoft**

Configuresoft is an innovator in systems management technology, delivering the enterprise Configuration Intelligence™ to effectively and efficiently manage today's heterogeneous computing infrastructures. Spanning both security and operations, the Company's configuration management, compliance and remediation products are used by 12 of the world's 25 largest companies to keep their critical systems properly configured, while ensuring compliance with regulatory requirements such as Sarbanes-Oxley, FISMA, GLBA, Basel II, HIPAA and DISA, and industry standards such as ISO 27001, PCI DSS and Microsoft Security Hardening Guides. To contact Configuresoft, please call (888) U-CONFIG or visit [www.configuresoft.com](http://www.configuresoft.com).

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