



News Release

Central Tax Benefits From Fusepoint's Secure PCI Compliant Managed Hosting Environment

Montreal, Quebec – September 29, 2009 - [Fusepoint Managed Services](#), a leading provider of outsourced managed IT services and infrastructure, today announced it has been selected by [Central Tax](#) to provide and implement a fully managed PCI compliant hosting environment for their E-Payment and property tax management solutions.

Central Tax processes property taxes and E-Payment transactions with credit and debit cards, handling high-volume transactions of various origins (Internet, POS, etc). The company's mission is to centralize the processing of these transactions in order to become an important player in the E-Payment processing and property taxes management in Canada.

In 2008, Central Tax became the official supplier of the Quebec Ministry of Finance, processing credit and debit card transactions from multiple ministries and organizations throughout the Quebec Government. Currently, Central Tax processes several million transactions a year.

Central Tax sought a Tier 1 PCI compliant managed hosting provider to ensure the protection of citizens' personal and private information. After careful consideration, Central Tax concluded that Fusepoint Managed Services fit the bill.

"Fusepoint is already [Tier 1 PCI compliant](#). This means that an independent, outside, third-party auditor has rigorously tested our facilities, network and security procedures to validate that the processes, technology, and people managing our customers' data are compliant with the relevant PCI standards," said George Kerns, President and CEO at Fusepoint. "Having our data centres audited annually for PCI compliance adherence means Fusepoint reduces the effort and need for our customers to become compliant themselves."

The Central Tax infrastructure has been designed to be secure, scalable and robust for maximum uptime, taking advantage of Fusepoint's multiple data centre capabilities in Canada. Under the six-year contract, Fusepoint will guarantee 99.99% availability for a fully managed solution including 8 servers, redundant bandwidth, data back-up, VPN, firewall security, network intrusion detection, operating systems and database management.

"Central Tax is committed to supporting its customers in a highly secure and reliable manner," explained Denis Savard, President and CEO of Central Tax. "As a payment processor, we take our fiduciary duties very seriously as we do in selecting a managed hosting partner who can help us protect our clients' private data and simplify our own PCI compliance process."

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About Central Tax Inc.

Founded in 2002, Central Tax offers secure E-Payment solutions, as well as property taxes management solutions. Central Tax goal is to centralize and standardize the processing and electronic payment of property tax bills, as well as all other types of transactions amongst mortgage lenders, municipalities, school boards and the taxpayers. Accordingly, Central Tax wants to enable interactions between these groups over the web, via a secure and dynamic single point of contact, in order to electronically complete their transactions relative to the payment and management of property taxes. For more information, visit: http://www.centraletaxes.com/corpo/index_en.aspx.

About Fusepoint Managed Services

Founded in 1999, Fusepoint is a privately held company with offices in Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal and Quebec City. Through our proven record of success we have built a loyal base of over 400 customers and strong, strategic relationships with Canada's leading technology and communication companies. Fusepoint's [managed](#) IT solutions are SLA-guaranteed, scalable and designed to reduce cost structures while mitigating risk. Fusepoint is also [SAS 70 Type II, CICA 5970](#), and [Tier 1 PCI compliant](#), which means our processes are rigorously and continuously audited by accredited third parties and consistently operate at the highest levels within the industry. For more information, visit www.fusepoint.com

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