



## **Benchmark Community Bank Partners with Clearent for Merchant Services**

Clayton, MO – June 10, 2010 – [Clearent](#), a national payment processing company, is proud to have recently been selected by [Benchmark Community Bank](#) as its merchant services provider.

Focused exclusively on servicing Southside Virginia, Benchmark Community Bank is a full service, locally owned and operated bank that prides itself on giving exceptional service. Benchmark was named one of the top 200 community banks in the country by *U.S. Banker* magazine. With more than 8,000 community banks nationwide, this is just one example of the many times that Benchmark has been recognized for its excellence.

At Benchmark, they maintain their focus on two key issues, remaining strong and continuing to offer customers the best support and products. They wanted a merchant services partner that, like Benchmark, was stable and growing – and also one that had not lost focus on the customer. For Benchmark, Clearent is that partner.

[Compass](#), Clearent's online reporting tool, provides data that can mean better customer support and an improved bottom line. In addition, [Clearent's approach to the Payment Card Industry \(PCI\) Data Security Standard \(DSS\)](#) is easy to understand and makes compliance with this important industry mandate fast and easy for Clearent customers.

Jim Messina, SVP of Sales with Clearent commented, "With Clearent, Benchmark and their merchants get access to support and easy to use technology not otherwise available in this industry. Benchmark will have the resources they need to build a stronger merchant services portfolio that will deliver improved profitability. We look forward to supporting Benchmark and their customers in this relationship."

### **About Clearent**

Clearent is a payment processor whose proprietary technology and responsive support enable financial institutions, ISOs and merchants to maximize the value of their merchant services program. Clearent's intuitive web-based systems are simple to use and provide at-a-glance business intelligence not available from other providers. To learn more, visit [www.clearent.com](http://www.clearent.com) or call 866.205.4721.