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## **Sheakley PaySystems Successfully Completes Type 2 SAS 70 Audit** *Independent audit certifies PaySystems financial transaction controls*

(April 8, 2011, Cincinnati, OH) Sheakley PaySystems, a premier payroll outsourcing provider, announced it has recently completed a service auditor's review, commonly known as a SAS 70 audit, of its payroll processing services. The audit was performed by a nationally recognized independent auditing firm, and was completed in February, 2011. Included in the scope of the audit were Sheakley PaySystems' new client setup, payroll data input, payroll packaging, direct deposit, tax payment and tax filing application control areas. The general controls that support these activities were also examined.

"As a payroll provider recognized for our integrity, it is critical for Sheakley PaySystems to have effective controls and the highest standards in place so that our clients are confident we have implemented state-of-the-art security measures to protect their data," said Steve Major, Sr. Vice President. "The completion of the SAS 70 Type 2 Audit distinguishes Sheakley PaySystems as a leader in the industry with our commitment to provide the highest level of service to our clients."

SAS 70 is an acronym for the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA) Statement on Auditing Standard (SAS) No. 70, titled "Reports on the Processing of Transactions by Service Organizations". SAS No. 70 defines the professional standards used by a service auditor to assess the internal controls of a service organization and issue a service auditor's report.

In order to complete the audit, Sheakley PaySystems management developed control objectives for the significant areas of internal control that support the payroll processing services.

Sheakley PaySystems management recognizes that Sarbanes-Oxley legislation has placed an increased focus on the internal controls of valued business partners. The SAS 70 audit report is designed to provide clients with a certain level of assurance regarding the controls that are maintained by Sheakley PaySystems management. The SAS 70 report addresses all five components of internal control outlined in the Sarbanes-Oxley legislation, namely the control environment, risk assessment activities, control activities, information and communication systems, and monitoring activities. The structure of our report is intuitive and is designed to be incorporated well with our clients' Sarbanes-Oxley compliance programs.

### **About Sheakley PaySystems**

Sheakley PaySystems is an accessible payroll and tax management solution for companies of any size, providing focused, one-on-one attention to its clients nationwide, while still offering the same (or better) benefits as its much larger competitors. Sheakley PaySystem's 24/7 remote entry payroll provides big business solutions to small businesses, by offering dependable and accurate payroll processing, prompt

delivery, comprehensive reports and access to a full selection of HR related employer solutions including General Ledger, Time & Attendance, and 401(k). Headquartered in Cincinnati, Sheakley PaySystems has regional offices in Nashville, Tennessee; Houston, Texas; and Burlington & Bettendorf, Iowa. View the Sheakley website at <http://www.sheakley.com/>

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