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### *ABnote North America's Brad Paulson Earns Award for Contributions to Card Industry Standards*

Boston, Massachusetts, April 27, 2011 – Brad Paulson, Vice President of Research and Development for ABnote Global, has just been awarded the InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) Merit Award for 2011.

“The INCITS Merit Award is annually presented to participants who have demonstrated continuous support for the work of INCITS. With more than 10 years of commitment, broad knowledge, and long-term contributions to standards development, Brad is well deserving of this award. Brad’s contributions to INCITS/B10 and its Task Groups are unparalleled. INCITS recognized his expertise, dedicated efforts, and willingness to accept responsibilities, such as the officer position of International Representative, as key for the successful development of both national and international standards.” says Lynn Barra, Director of ITI Standards Operations for INCITS.

The InterNational Committee for Information Technology Standards (INCITS) is the forum of choice for information technology developers, producers and users for the creation and maintenance of formal de jure IT standards. INCITS is accredited by, and operates under rules approved by, the American National Standards Institute (ANSI).

“ABnote is very proud of Brad’s achievement in receiving the INCITS Merit Award for 2011. Brad has many years of card experience with a focus on industry standards along with quality assurance. His broad and deep knowledge partnered with his contributions go above and beyond as a member of INCITS/B10. At ABnote, Brad is a key contributor to our research & development and standards initiatives. We are honored to have Brad as part of the ABnote team.” said Keith Goldstein, CEO of ABnote North America.

ABnote is the global leader in card manufacturing and believes in continually expanding our knowledge in the technologies and processes of producing top quality cards. In addition to having Brad on staff with his vast knowledge of standards development, we also have staff that is ICMA ACE (Advanced Card Education) accredited contributing to our expertise in providing our customers with superior quality cards.

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