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**Tim Wright Named Vice President of Government and Identification Markets**

Boston, Massachusetts, January 25, 2010 - Tim Wright was recently named vice president of the Government and Identification markets for ABnote North America.

Formerly, Tim served as vice president of product development for ABnote for the past two years. Tim has extensive experience in the card industry including overseeing payment card business activities for all of North America at Gemplus/Gemalto. In addition, Tim's sales career includes serving as the vice president of sales for De La Rue Brand Protection in Dulles, VA, USA; manager of sales & marketing for secure card products for Dainippon Ink & Chemicals in Fort Lee, NJ, USA; and manager of the International Department at Takachiho Technica in Tokyo, Japan.

Throughout his 20-plus year career, Tim has achieved a strong track record of piloting and developing various growth initiatives at providers of payment cards, smart cards, and payment card security applications. He has extensive international business experience and his educational background includes a master's of law degree from Niigata University in Niigata, Japan. He is a former member of the Board of Directors at International Card Manufacturers Association (ICMA) and is a long-time participant of both the National Committee of Information Technology Standards (NCITS) and International Organization for Standardization (ISO).

Jake Jacobs, executive vice president of sales and marketing says "We are excited to have Tim in this new role as we see the critical nature of the Government and Identification markets today and in the future. Tim brings great experience and energy to both the position and the market."

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