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Benchmark Technology Group, Digital Check Fulfill Bank's Custom Request with Coordinated Teller Hardware Deployment

LAS VEGAS, Oct. 20, 2010 – Associated Bank, a part of Associated Banc-Corp (Nasdaq: ASBC), a diversified bank holding company with total assets of \$23 billion, is deploying the financial industry's first compact, combination teller module in partnership with technology vendors [Benchmark Technology Group](#), a leading provider of [branch automation solutions](#) and [technology management services](#), and [Digital Check](#), a provider of distributed-capture check scanners for branch automation and remote deposit capture applications.

According to Associated Bank officials, the bank wanted to improve the physical environment and function of its teller stations by creating more open workspace and an effective way to serve and cross-sell to account holders. Associated Bank selected Digital Check's [Teller Scan® TS240/TTP](#) and is working with Benchmark Technology Group, a more than 15-year provider of technology to the bank, to deploy the industry's newest teller transaction printer.

"Benchmark Technology Group's expertise is often enlisted by forward-thinking financial institutions, such as Associated Bank, to deploy hardware and software that improve efficiency and customer service," said Rod Higbee, vice president of Sales for Benchmark Technology Group. "Digital Check's newly developed TS240/TTP is compact, conserving space at teller lines and providing the caliber of imaged customer receipts typically associated with intelligent deposit ATMs at large banks."

Teller Scan® TS240/TTP, which will be showcased at [BAI Retail Delivery 2010](#), incorporates check scanning and thermal transaction printing into one device, which occupies 50 percent less counter space than separately arranged teller scanners and receipt printers. A value-added reseller of Digital Check hardware and technology, Benchmark Technology Group will provide the TS240/TTP to Associated Bank, enabling the financial institution to provide customers with thermally printed receipts that contain images of their check deposits along with marketing and promotional messages from the bank.

“Many financial institutions are embracing the potential for improved customer service through teller image automation and clutter-free teller stations that are conducive to one-on-one interaction between staff and customers,” said Paul Ruppel, director of Marketing for Digital Check. “Development of the Teller Scan TS240/TTP is Digital Check’s response to the financial industry’s need for teller hardware that provides such functionality.”

About Benchmark Technology Group

Since 1985, Benchmark Technology Group has been a leading provider of branch technology and software solutions for financial institutions of all sizes. The company offers a complete line of branch automation products and services including teller printers, scanners, ATMs and cash handlers. In addition, Benchmark Technology Group provides web-based fulfillment services, device evaluation and consulting, equipment service and maintenance programs, along with Check 21 solutions. Benchmark Technology Group’s systems design, integration, implementation and support services include customized and expanded offerings that are customer-centric and scalable.

Benchmark Technology Group is headquartered in Alpharetta, Georgia and has three additional offices throughout the United States. For more information, visit www.Benchmark-US.com or call 1-800-554-4582.

About Digital Check

Digital Check is a provider of distributed-capture check scanners for branch automation and remote deposit capture applications. The Northbrook, Ill.-based company was selected for *Bank Technology News*’ 2008 “Ten Technology Companies to Watch” for its innovative products and has been listed as one of the publication’s top innovators. Digital Check’s TellerScan® and award-winning CheXpress® series of electronic scanners are cost-effective and provide high quality images, MICR accuracy and reliability. The company’s scanners are available worldwide through a network of more than 70 Authorized Solutions Providers and are supported by Digital Check’s comprehensive fulfillment, training, support, warranty and repair services. For more information call 847-446-2285 or visit the company’s website at <http://www.digitalcheck.com/>.

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