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OVERLAND PARK, KS. (October 26, 2021) – EPCOR® - *Your Electronic Payments Core of Knowledge* today announced the recipients of its Payment Systems Awards at the Recognition Luncheon of *EPCOR Payments Conference – Fall 2021* at the Sheraton Overland Park Hotel.

EPCOR President & CEO Susan Doyle, AAP, presented two *2021 Payments Innovation Awards* to Corporate One Federal Credit Union and its credit union service organization, Sherpa Technologies, and Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.®, independently.

“As the race for faster payments has accelerated, faster payments solutions have remained out of reach for many small to mid-size financial institutions. It is an honor to present not one but two *Payments Innovations Awards* to our members for creating innovative solutions that bring faster payments within reach for financial institutions of all sizes,” remarked Doyle.

Corporate One President and CEO Melissa Ashley and Sherpa Technologies President and CEO Keith Riddle accepted the *Payments Innovation Award* in recognition of the development both organizations completed on Sherpa’s Mosaic platform, which is an open payments messaging and integration services platform that now allows credit union, FinTechs and digital experience providers to connect to the RTP® network and integrate their desired real-time payments solutions through a single platform. Mosaic supports Corporate One’s connection to the RTP network, enabling Corporate One to act as a Funding Agent and manage the 24/7/365 funding and liquidity demands for credit union network participants and it will also soon offer corporate RTP payments as an option to its members.

“The teams at Corporate One and our credit union service organization, Sherpa Technologies, have worked hard to develop solutions that level the playing field and help credit unions easily access the RTP network, manage their funding positions and facilitate payments for their respective institutions,” said Ashley. “Industry recognition, like this award, encourages us to continue our efforts to ensure all credit unions have the opportunity to realize the benefits offered by real-time payments.”

Jack Henry’s *Payments Innovation Award* was accepted by Rusiru Gunasena, Managing Director of JHA PayCenter™, in recognition of its payments hub and support of real-time and faster payments options. JHA PayCenter provides endpoint connections to internal Jack Henry and third-party digital platforms. Leveraging the platform, Jack Henry provides clients with seamless connections to Zelle® and RTP® networks regardless of their digital partner or whether they are

hosted on premise or through a third party. They plan to add access to the FedNow network when it goes live in 2023.

“Jack Henry is proud of the work by our talented team to bring faster payment network solutions to our institutions and Fintech partners,” said Gunasena. “Being nominated and receiving this award is confirmation of our approach and commitment to provide turnkey payment solutions that help our customers achieve a competitive advantage in today’s growing landscape.”

The *David P. DeMarea Payments Innovation Award* recognizes individuals or organizations that have implemented innovative payments or risk management solutions.

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