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## **Payment Partners receives 2013 United States Excellence Award**

*May 12th 2014* - Payment Partners, Inc. (PPI) has been selected for the 2013 United States Excellence Award in Finance amongst all its peers and competitors by the US Trade & Commerce Institute (USTCI).

Each year the USTCI conducts business surveys and industry research to identify companies that have achieved demonstrable success in their local business environment and industry category. They are recognized as having enhanced the commitment and contribution of small businesses through service to their customers and community. Small businesses of this caliber enhance the consumer driven stature that United States is renowned for.

Payment Partners, Inc. has consistently demonstrated a high regard for upholding business ethics and company values. This recognition by USTCI marks a significant achievement as an emerging leader within various competitors and is setting benchmarks that the industry should follow.

As part of the industry research and business surveys, various sources of information were gathered and analyzed to choose the selected companies in each category. This research is part of an exhaustive process that encapsulates a year-long immersion in the business climate of United States.

### **About USTCI ([www.USTCI.org](http://www.USTCI.org))**

The USTCI is a leading authority on researching, evaluating and recognizing companies across a wide spectrum of industries that meet its stringent standards of excellence. It has spearheaded the idea of independent enterprise and entrepreneurial growth allowing businesses of all sizes to be recognized locally and encouraged globally.

Particular emphasis is given to meeting and exceeding industry benchmarks for customer service, product quality and ethical practices. Industry leading standards and practices have been developed and implementation of the same has been pioneered by the dedicated efforts of the business community and commerce leadership.

### **About Payment Partners Inc. ([www.paymentpartnersinc.com](http://www.paymentpartnersinc.com))**

Payment Partners, Inc. (PPI) is an early stage company incorporated in 2008 in Falls Church, VA, with the mission of developing and promoting innovative and creative online payment and organization management platforms. The web-based platforms establish Payment Partnerships™ between community organizations and their members. PPI's initial product--Pay4SchoolStuffOnline.com-- has grown 5000% since its launch in 2009-10, with 100,000 account holders and annual gross revenues of \$3M. PPI plans to launch cloned, niche market products for clubs (social, recreation, swim Greek organizations (fraternities and sororities); Faith-based groups and youth scouting organizations. An umbrella site, Pay4Stuff.com, will be launched in 2015.