

TALX and The PI Company Partner to Provide Employment Verification Services for Federally Assisted Housing Programs

- TALX Employment Verification Services® Now Available to Tenant Pl Users through a Single, Web-based Portal -

ST. LOUIS, Sept. 27, 2011 /PRNewswire/ -- TALX, provider of Equifax Workforce Solutions and a leader in human resource, payroll and tax-related services, announced today it has partnered with <u>The PI Company</u> to offer <u>employment verification services</u> to public housing properties nationwide. With this new partnership, TALX expands its client base to include federal government-assisted housing authorities and helps employees get the housing for which they're eligible, while The PI Company expands their services to offer a more timely and efficient way to verify and evaluate tenant applications.

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Since, under federally assisted housing programs, a tenant's rent is determined by their annual income, housing authorities can now more accurately determine the appropriate rent during the application or re-examination phases of tenant application using TALX verification service, The Work Number[®]. Accessible from a single-source web-based portal, users will have the ability to instantly verify prospective tenants' employment and income, along with traditional Tenant PI services. This format provides public housing authorities with simplified and timely access to those criteria needed to fairly and effectively evaluate tenant applications.

"Our partnership with The PI Company provides additional value to those individuals whose employers leverage TALX employment verification services. We're eager to help both tenants and agencies realize the benefits of up-to-date and secure employment verifications with the power of The Work Number's 205 million records," commented Debra Rohlman, vice president of Government Sales and Service, The Work Number, TALX. "Tenant PI provides the most trusted, accurate and affordable background screening to the public housing market, and we're delighted to expand the depth and breadth of TALX employment verification services to meet industry demand with The PI Company."

As providers of the country's largest tenant-screening application for the federally assisted and conventional housing markets, The PI Company provides affordable and comprehensive tenant background screening tools to the public housing industry with its industry leading service, <u>Tenant PI</u>. Serving over 1,200 clients in 49 states, the company offers housing authorities and landlords with detailed background information on prospective tenants – including credit, criminal, eviction and other information – to help increase revenue, limit liability and control costs.

"With budget cuts throughout the public housing industry, TALX will play an integral role in helping tenants qualify and maintain low income housing eligibility while enabling housing authorities to verify applicant income, detect fraud and uncover unreported income more quickly and accurately," said John Lindsey, CEO of the PI Company. "In the housing market, everyone is familiar with The Work Number, and we're delighted to be able to offer this TALX service and in turn, a new, centralized and complete solution to Tenant PI clients."

About The PI Company

Headquartered in Little Rock, Arkansas, The PI Company is an industry leader and pioneer in risk management solutions for tenant (Tenant PI), employment (Employee PI) and volunteer (Volunteer PI) screening. The PI Company provides high quality data and products to help improve efficiency, diminish costs, increase revenue and manage risk. The PI Company's wide range of online screening products deliver instant access to nationwide criminal reports, credit reports, evictions and driving records, giving clients a framework that is user-friendly and affordable. The PI Company is a member of the National Association of Professional Background Screeners (NAPBS) which exists to promote ethical business practices, compliance with the Fair Credit Reporting Act and foster awareness of issues related to consumer protection and privacy rights within the background screening industry. For more information on The PI Company, please visit <u>www.thepicompany.com</u>

About TALX

TALX, provider of Equifax Workforce Solutions, a leader in human resource, tax and payrollrelated services, is based in St. Louis. TALX holds a leadership position in automated employment and income verification as well as unemployment cost management. TALX provides over 9,000 clients, including three-fourths of Fortune 500 companies, with webbased services focused in three employment-related areas: hiring, pay reporting and compliance. Hiring services include talent assessments, onboarding, and tax credits and incentives. Pay reporting services include, paperless pay and W-2 management. Compliance services include employment and income verifications through The Work Number, unemployment cost management and I-9 management. Equifax is a global leader in information solutions, empowering businesses and consumers with information they can trust. Equifax is a member of Standard & Poor's (S&P) 500® Index. Its common stock is traded on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol EFX. For more information about TALX, visit <u>www.talx.com</u>, or <u>www.equifax.com</u>.

About Equifax

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