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STATE TAX COMMISSION CERTIFIES *ASSESS*PRO

**MICHIGAN LOCAL GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS
NOW HAVE A POWERFUL NEW OPTION FOR
PROPERTY TAX MANAGEMENT**

EATON RAPIDS, Mich. – Michigan county, township and municipal government offices now have a new and powerful choice when it comes to a cost-effective, flexible Property Tax Administration software solution to meet their data management needs.

After a thorough and exacting testing process, Patriot Properties' *AssessPro* – part of Michigan-based Pontem Software's portfolio of software solutions for local government and cemeteries – was approved by the Michigan State Tax Commission at its September 20 meeting in Lansing.

"We're extremely pleased *AssessPro* was granted certification for use in Michigan," says Sherry T. Hood, President of Pontem Software, a software development firm based in Eaton Rapids (Michigan) that has served the unique needs of local government and cemetery managers since 1979. "For the first time in more than two decades, Michigan governmental jurisdictions now have a new and powerful option when it comes to property tax assessment and management tasks."

Developed by Patriot Properties, a leading Boston-based Computer Assisted Mass Appraisal (CAMA) software development company that was named an Environmental Systems Research Institute (ESRI) "New Business Partner of the Year" in 2008, *AssessPro* handles all types of properties in all size jurisdictions, features hundreds of standard and user-defined reports, document and photo storage, embedded GIS capabilities, as well as includes *SketchPro,* a built-in cutting-edge graphical sketching tool.

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"It's an incredibly powerful and versatile software solution for local government entities," says Jim McCathern, Chief Executive Officer of Patriot Properties. "But more importantly, *AssessPro* was designed by people who understand what local government officials want and delivers what they need."

AssessPro integrates seamlessly with Pontem Software's highly-regarded Property Tax Administration Software Suite giving property tax professionals a full-circle property tax management solution that's flexible, precise, affordable and easy-to-use.

Like all products in the Pontem portfolio, the company's Property Tax Administration Software Suite featuring *AssessPro,* comes with the company's innovative software upgrade guarantee: Both minor updates and major new product releases are included as part of Pontem's annual software license.

"We know local governments face significant fiscal challenges, especially now. That's why, unlike with some software vendors, once you buy a software license from us," says Hood, "you buy it for life. With Pontem, your investment is protected and you'll never need to worry about paying for a software upgrade, ever again."

Pontem Software representatives will be available at several upcoming local government association conferences and related industry trade shows to provide more information about *AssessPro* and its other affordable software solutions for local government and cemetery managers.

Visit Pontem Software at: the Michigan Townships Association (MTA) "On the Road" Vendor Showcases, October 4, 6, 7, 18, 21 throughout lower Michigan; the Michigan Association of Township Supervisors (MATS) Fall Education Conference, November 4 at Crystal Mountain Resort in Thompsonville; and at the MTA Annual Conference at DeVos Place in Grand Rapids, January 26-27, 2011.

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