

## Heartland, other payments cos. join security alliance

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The nonprofit organization Secure POS Vendor Alliance, or SPVA, has announced five new member companies. The SPVA was created by Hypercom, Ingenico S.A. and VeriFone to encourage security standards compliance and the defense of security breaches in the payments industry.

The new member companies are Atos Worldline, Heartland Payment Systems, Moneris Solutions, Radiant Systems Inc. and Witham Laboratories.

Princeton, N.J.-based Heartland Payment Systems [experienced](#) one of the biggest data security breaches in history last year when its servers were hacked.

"Membership in the SPVA reinforces our commitment to advancing security within our industry (and) enables us to gain firsthand knowledge of current security threats and proactively shape future security guidelines," said Antoine van Diem, general manager of technologies and products for Atos Worldline, in a news release from SPVA.