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Municipal Employees Retirement System Steps into the MTA Leadership Circle

DELTA TOWNSHIP—**Municipal Employees Retirement System (MERS)**, of Lansing, Michigan has joined the ranks of the Leadership Circle in the **Michigan Townships Association (MTA) Allied Service Provider** program. As part of the *Leadership Circle*, the \$5,000 investment by MERS will be used to improve the overall effectiveness of township government through more productive business practices, better education, and enhanced communications.

“On behalf of the MTA Board of Directors and 1,240 townships in Michigan, I am delighted to welcome MERS to our family of Allied Service Providers,” said **Colleen Schwartz**, president of the Michigan Townships Association. “This is not only an investment in our organization, it is a commitment to the people of Michigan who believe in local government and who work hard to make it the best it can be. In taking this step, MERS demonstrates their commitment to strengthening the relationship between our members and the business community.”

The Municipal Employee's Retirement System of Michigan is a statewide public employee retirement system that provides quality employee benefit programs for approximately 75,000 Michigan public employees. They have more than 60 years experience in providing cost-effective plan administration to municipal employees. MERS actively seeks opportunities to strengthen the economic welfare of their members and the Michigan communities that they support.

MTA's Allied Service Provider program has three levels of participation: President's Round Table (\$10,000), Leadership Circle (\$5,000), and Keystone Club (\$2,000). Although participation in the Allied Service Provider program does *not* constitute or imply MTA's endorsement of a company, or its products or services, those enrolled in the program are expected to maintain good business practices and operate in an ethical manner.

The Michigan Townships Association is the exclusive legislative and public advocate for Michigan's 1,242 townships and is the foremost source of quality education and information for Michigan's elected and appointed township officials. For more information about MTA's Allied Service Provider program, visit www.michigantownships.org.

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