

Robert Carr, Chief Executive Officer, Heartland Payment Systems

Mr. Carr co-founded Heartland Payment Systems in 1997 and has been chief executive officer of the company since 2000. He also is chairman and CEO of Carr Holdings LLC. Heartland, one of the world's largest payments processing companies, has grown from 25 employees in 1997 to more than 3,000.

Mr. Carr started his career as a professor, president of the faculty and director of the computer center at Parkland College in Champaign, Ill., before moving to the Bank of Illinois. In 1987 he founded Credit Card Software Systems Inc., which specialized in the travel and entertainment industries. The MidWest Acquirers Association recognized Mr. Carr in 2003 with its first "Lifetime Achievement Award." Ernst and Young recognized him with its "Entrepreneur of the Year Award" in 2004 and 2007.