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However, to be able to process credit card payments, a company will need the
support of an Internet based merchant account. This special account provides the
business with the financial and technical means of facilitating credit card
payments from its customers at any point on the globe where they have a computer
and Internet access. When applying for a merchant account, the company needs to
be able to prove it has a solid credit history, the ability to pay for support
services in a timely and responsible manner, and the non-involvement in
distasteful or unethical services. The company owner should scrutinize available
merchant account vendors to find the best terms for his or her business. For
example, some account providers charge a variety of fees that can quickly add
up. A small or new business owner, or someone who is working from a home based
business, may not be able to afford all the fees that can be charged with a
merchant account, such as an application fee, membership fee, setup fee, gateway

fee, and others. It is a good idea to carefully check the terms associated by a particular merchant account provider before signing on for an account.

When approved for an Internet based merchant account, you can quickly set to work arranging your Website and preparing to accept customers' credit payments. An initial step is to make sure the site is attractive and functional. Arrange it with the help of a Web designer, if needed, to be sure it will be easily located by search engines and to hold visitors' interest when they arrive at your site. You can use colorful images, interesting surveys, free articles, and other information in addition to posting data about your products and services. Change some of the information periodically, perhaps every week or month, to make sure only timely facts are included, or customers will soon lose interest and move on to another site that is updated more frequently. You can offer occasional discounts or sales items to make it worth the customer's time to shop at your site, and to check back often. Paying by credit card is another bonus for those who want to purchase items quickly without the hassle of using a third-party payment system or mailing a check.

Don't let the competition outdistance you in the rush to enter the electronic age of business. Get a head start by applying for your Internet based merchant account.