

**Merchants Leasing Hires Tom Coffey as Vice President of Sales and Marketing**

**Hooksett, N.H. December 6, 2011** --- Merchants Leasing is pleased to announce that Tom Coffey has joined the company as Vice President of Sales and Marketing as of October 17, 2011.

Tom comes to Merchants with over 25 years experience in the fleet and equipment leasing industry. Most recently, he was employed as the Senior Vice President of Sales for Donlen where he was responsible for sales and new business development. His prior experience includes work as Senior Vice President of Financial Solutions at GE; leading business development and customer service activities. During his time there, Tom also led the North American efforts in Truck Fleet Services and held regional sales management positions in Atlanta, St. Louis, and Pittsburgh. Tom has a bachelor's degree from Kalamazoo College with additional training in Six Sigma Quality and Credit.

In regards to joining the Merchants team, Coffey said, "I saw the opportunity to be a part of a company that is committed to being a top tier fleet management provider; a company that is family owned and in control of its own destiny. Therefore, they have the patience and resources to grow the right way." His role at the company is to provide vision and leadership for a best-in-class high performance sales team and marketing department.

Tom is married with three children and enjoys boating, skiing and coaching summer baseball. He will be working out of a Chicago, IL office and Merchants Leasing headquarters in Hooksett, NH.

**About Merchants Leasing**

Merchants Leasing provides customers nationwide a total fleet solution, which includes its unique approach to closed-end leasing in addition to traditional open-end options. Other comprehensive services include: insurance and maintenance programs, fuel cards to manage mileage and gasoline expenses, roadside assistance, accident and risk management, Telematics, local and nationwide delivery, and expert fleet management and administration. Merchants leases a variety of vehicles including cars, trucks and vans, law enforcement vehicles, handicap-equipped vehicles and more. Merchants Leasing is part of Hooksett based Merchants Automotive Group, Inc. and a Singer Family Company which includes Merchants Auto, Merchants Service and CARQUEST Parts. For more information about Merchants Leasing, visit the company's website at [www.merchantsleasing.com](http://www.merchantsleasing.com).