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The Fourth Annual SecureGOV Strategic Intelligence Meeting

Are we ready for the future?

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Virginia Beach, VA—Attendees agree that **SecureGOV 2006** was a great way to share common concerns in IT security and learn what new security technology is being offered by leading solution providers. Features of the Fourth Annual SecureGOV 2006 Strategic Intelligence Meeting included a demonstration by Dr. John H. Saunders, Professor & Director, National Defense University, how, through a SCADA network, an intruder can infiltrate a city and shut of power, electricity, and phone systems. Dr. Robert “Rocky” Young, Professor of Systems Management, National Defense University, led an interactive biometrics challenge. Tim Schmidt, Chief Technology Officer, Department of Transportation, covered the positive advances in technology by detailing out the new mobile technology for the commuter such as web based VPN.

A common theme found throughout the strategy sessions is a need to simplify security technology. In a roundtable discussion lead by Peter Mell of NIST many stated that “Technology and the FISMA requirements have become to complex for the blue collar IT technician to handle.” Many are hoping that the current projects that NIST is working on will help simplify the job allowing the average technician to feel comfortable in their job and not overwhelmed by the complexity.

In the Keynote presentation by Robert Lentz he discussed the amount of money being spent on education within government IT. “Something we need to be asking ourselves is, ‘are we positioned for the future?’” Then Lentz pointed out that “The government is spending a small amount of money in leap ahead technology.”

After sessions and strategic meetings, attendees enjoyed networking activities such as James Bond Casino Royale and Golfing at the Tournament Players Club of Virginia Beach, allowing in-depth personal relationship development amid government officials and industry executives. “It was a well-organized useful marketing and educational event. I formed some great connections and look forward to exploring my new options.” Len Mizrah, CEO, Authernative.

SecureGOV 2006 attendees voted for speaker and solution provider nominations. The award results are as follows:

Most Dynamic Speaker: Robert Lentz, CIAO, Department of Defense

Most Cutting Edge Presentation: Biometric Challenge with Dr. Robert “Rocky” Young

Best Speaker: Claude Williams, ISC2

Best of SecureGOV 2006: Authernative

Most Innovative Solutions: Charys Technologies

Greatest Expertise: Vontu

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Through a mix of keynote presentations, interactive think-tanks, roundtables, workshops and strategic knowledge exchanges, the US Government's elite evaluated key strategies and technologies essential to overcoming top security challenges currently facing the public sector. In addition, SecureGOV 2006 united these officials with leading supplier organizations in executive strategy meetings enabling the officials to evaluate cutting-edge, results-based security solutions and achieving agency security requirements. To learn more about SecureGOV please visit www.SecureGOV.info.

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