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Security Conference Adds Co-Located Event, Addresses Administration Cyber Priorities *Sessions Highlight 20 Critical Controls for Effective Cyber Defense*

FALLS CHURCH, Va. – September 15, 2009 – 1105 Government Information Group, the leading provider of integrated information and media for the government information technology (IT) market, today announced a co-located program with the 10th Annual Security Conference and Exhibition that will address cyber security issues and priorities facing the Obama Administration. Sponsored by The SANS Institute, the co-located event will focus on the 20 Critical Controls for Effective Cyber Defense, a new initiative in the Obama Administration.

“Last year, the federal government faced more than 18,000 security breaches,” said Christina Condos, Vice President of Events for 1105 Government Information Group. “In response to the need for a more integrated approach, cyber security experts from across the government have come together to create a series of 20 critical security controls. At this conference, government agencies will share their findings and discuss techniques to combat the constant threat of cyber attack.”

The controls were identified to build agreement between agency CIOs and Chief Information Security Officers (CISOs) across the government. Contributors to the process included security experts and federal managers from the Department of Defense, Department of Energy and the Federal Bureau of Investigation, as well as private computer forensics experts.

“Since so many agencies face the same issue of cyber attack, we needed to create a list of priorities that every agency can use to manage their defenses,” said John Gilligan, President of the Gilligan Group and former CIO of the U.S. Air Force and Department of Energy. “Of the 20 controls that are essential to monitor, fifteen can be automated. This conference will focus on common measures that can be taken to address each of these, as well as technologies and techniques that can be employed in the future to thwart real-world attacks.”

Highlights of the co-located event include sessions on:

- Origins and Opportunities for the 20 Critical Security Controls – A CIO Perspective
- Buying Security Baked In and How GSA’s Smart Buy Can Lower the Cost of the 20 Critical Controls
- Lessons Learned When Federal Agencies Implement the 20 Critical Security Controls

Speakers include John Gilligan, Gilligan Group; Larry Hale, GSA; Tony Sager, NSA; John Streufert, U.S. Department of State; and other experts from the public and private sectors.

The Security Conference and Exhibition, slated for November 12-13, 2009 at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C., provides a forum for government agencies and IT experts to join together, share best-practices and hear from top leaders in the security field.

For more information and to register online, visit:

<https://1105govinfoevents.com/EventOverview.aspx?Event=SEC09>

To access the 20 Critical Controls for Effective Cyber Defense, visit:

<http://www.sans.org/cag/guidelines.php>

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