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TODD HUGHES EARNS TOP INFORMATION SECURITY CREDENTIAL

[Pittsford, NY May 1, 2006] -- **Todd Hughes** of Rochester, NY has earned the designation of Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP[®]), the premier professional certification for information security experts. The CISSP is awarded by the International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. [(ISC)²], a non-profit consortium dedicated to educating and certifying information security professionals worldwide.

“In today’s society, our heavy reliance on electronic and wireless communications makes us vulnerable to professional cyber thieves that threaten to steal identities and assets. Just as police officers protect our streets, qualified, highly trained information security professionals are critical to protecting us against the cyber attacks that jeopardize our economies and way of life,” said Rolf Moulton, CISSP-ISSMP, (ISC)² president & CEO (interim). “Todd’s commitment to earning the CISSP shows that he has the knowledge, skills and abilities to protect better the organization and community he serves.” Todd has worked for xDefenders for about one year.

The CISSP, the first and only ANSI-accredited information security credential under ISO/IEC Standard 17024, provides information security professionals with not only an objective measure of competence, but a globally recognized standard of achievement. The CISSP credential is awarded by (ISC)² to information security professionals who successfully pass a comprehensive six-hour examination based on the 10 domains of the (ISC)² CISSP[®] CBK[®], a compendium of industry best practices, possess four years of cumulative work experience in the field, subscribe to the (ISC)² Code of Ethics, and are endorsed by an existing CISSP or equivalent professional. They must earn

120 continuing professional education (CPE) credits every three years in order to renew their certification.

“The CISSP is the Gold Standard of information security certifications. Todd can be proud to have met the stringent requirements of the CISSP, added Moulton. “(ISC)² is pleased to add Todd to a distinguished group of more than 33,000 fellow CISSPs worldwide.”

About (ISC)²

The International Information Systems Security Certification Consortium, Inc. [(ISC)²®] is the premier not-for-profit organization dedicated to educating and certifying information security professionals around the world. Founded in 1989, (ISC)² has certified over 40,000 information security professionals in more than 100 countries. Based in Palm Harbor, Florida, USA, with offices in Vienna, Virginia, USA, London, Hong Kong and Tokyo, (ISC)², the *Gold Standard* in information security certifications, issues the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP®), Certification and Accreditation Professional (CAP^{CM}) and Systems Security Certified Practitioner (SSCP®) credentials and related concentrations to those meeting necessary competency requirements. The CISSP is the first information technology credential to meet the stringent requirements of ANSI under ISO/IEC Standard 17024, a global benchmark for assessing and certifying personnel. (ISC)² also offers a portfolio of educational related products and services based upon (ISC)²'s CBK® , a compendium of industry best practices for information security professionals, and is responsible for the annual (ISC)² Global Information Security Workforce Study. More information about (ISC)² is available at www.isc2.org.

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