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## **Press Release – 24x7 Security Operations Center Introduced**

A New Partnership delivers Around-the-Clock Information Security Protection xDefenders Inc., an information security solutions company, and Frontrunner Network Systems, a full-service communications integrator, have joined forces to offer clients around-the-clock Managed and Monitored Security Services. The Rochester NY partnership was forged to bring affordable, real-time Intrusion Management and Monitoring capabilities to companies that do not have the full-time staffs or the knowledge base required to provide these services internally.

xDefenders provides a full range of Security Services, including Policy Creation, Vulnerability Assessments, Audits and Managed Services. The partnership combines xDefenders ability to design, deploy and tune firewalls, intrusion detection/prevention systems, Spam/Virus filtering and web content controls with Frontrunner Networks' Security Operations Center, located in Rochester. Frontrunner Network Systems provides voice, video and data services to organizations in the Northeast and Midwest. They have over 4,000 customers, more than 100 professionals on staff and a Network Operations Center that is staffed 24x7x365.

The Companies have implemented an Intrusion Detection System (IDS) that feeds critical events to the Operations Center and is integrated with the Trouble Ticketing System. In addition to using its own solution internally, the Companies have landed their first client, a financial institution in Buffalo. The Companies will begin marketing these services immediately. According to xDefenders Vice President, Jeff Thon, "our partnership with Frontrunner gives customers a local services provider, capable of monitoring critical security events in a real-time fashion.

For regulated companies and security-conscious organizations, this is a big value-add". Sr. VP Kevin DiPaolo of Frontrunner says "Our size allows us to offer customers an intimate level of customer service and support typical of smaller vendors, while also funding capabilities normally associated with much larger companies". DiPaolo pointed to the 7 X 24 Network Control and Technical Resource Center operated by Frontrunner as one very tangible example.

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