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American Security Challenge announces 2009 Dates

Washington, D.C. February 9 -- The 2009 American Security Challenge will take place in Washington, D.C. May 21, 2009 in conjunction with the Homeland Security S&T Stakeholders Conference East, presented by the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA) with subject matter support provided by the Science & Technology Directorate (S&T) of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security.

The deadline for executive summaries is March 31st and all details on all deadlines and eligibility requirements are available at www.americansecuritychallenge.com.

At the 2008 Challenge event, nearly 100 emerging technology and security firms submitted their technologies and services for the chance to win \$100,000. The Honorable Jay M. Cohen, Under Secretary, Science and Technology Directorate, U.S. Department of Homeland Security was the keynote and former Secretary of the U.S. Department of Homeland Security Tom Ridge was awarded and accepted the prestigious Patriot Award. The winner of the Challenge was TeleContinuity, a firm that provides critical government agencies and businesses with backup, survivable voice communications during any disaster, emergency, telecom outage or evacuation.

Mark your calendar, spread the word, sponsor the event.

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The American Security Challenge is a non-profit mechanism that seeks to speed innovative security technologies to market to secure our nation's citizens and critical assets. Launched in 2007, the Challenge selects the best emerging firms for financial and other awards. The Challenge also presents the Patriot Award to a private sector leader that has distinguished him or herself in the service of our nation's security.