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**Michigan Security Network Hosts Finalists Competing in
\$500,000 Global Security Challenge**
Two will advance to England for final round in global contest

Dearborn, MI, September 20, 2010 - The Michigan Security Network will host the Midwest Regional final of the \$500,000 Global Security Challenge on Tuesday, September 21 at the University of Michigan-Dearborn campus.

The Global Security Challenge is the world's largest international security innovation competition and offers security entrepreneurs the opportunity to showcase their inventions. Six finalists, consisting of three start-ups and three small- and medium-sized businesses (SMEs), will compete for over \$500,000 in cash grants. Two companies, consisting of one start-up and one SME, will advance to the final round of the competition in November, competing against eight other companies representing Europe, Asia and two other U.S. regional finals.

The Michigan Security Network (MiSN), of which UM-Dearborn is a board member, serves Michigan's business community as a platform to accelerate cutting-edge technology development, investment and job growth in the fast-growing homeland security market. MiSN is a consultant and center of expertise for entrepreneurs, start-ups and established businesses to encourage and promote innovation and commercialization of technology in cyber security, biodefense and border security.

The Midwest Regional Final will begin at 2:30 p.m. with opening remarks from Leslie Touma, CEO, Michigan Security Network and Subrata Sengupta, Dean, College of Engineering and Computer Science, UM-Dearborn, followed by a keynote address by Todd Brethauer, Technical Support Working Group (TSWG). Business pitches and presentations by the finalists will begin at 3:00 with the winners announced at 4:30 p.m. following deliberation by the judges. Judges represent: the U.S. Department of Defense; the DRDC Centre for Security Science (Ottawa, Canada); the National Automotive Center, TARDEC; and the Department of Computer and Information Systems, UM-Dearborn.

The three start-up finalists are: Lincoln Advanced Technologies, LLC; HoneyApps, LLC; and APPERCUT. The three SME finalists are: Whitenoise Laboratories (Canada) Inc.; NIMTech Inc.; and Open Kernal Labs.

The event will be held at UM-Dearborn's Institute for Advanced Vehicle Systems Building located at 4901 Evergreen Road, Dearborn, MI 48128-1491. Please see attached map for more details.

Top contenders from previous Global Security Challenge competitions have subsequently raised over \$80 million in new capital. Examples include *TenCube*, an Asia finalist, which was recently acquired by McAfee in a multi-million dollar deal and *Kromek*, the 2009 winner, which secured \$18.9 million in funding following their triumph.

The MiSN-UM-Dearborn hosted regional is one of five regional finals held worldwide. Winners from each will compete against one another at the University of London, London, England, on Nov. 11-12, 2010. Over 350 of the world's best security start-ups, investors, government leaders and experienced entrepreneur will be in attendance.

About Global Security Challenge - The Global Security Challenge (GSC) is a central hub for security innovators, start-ups and investors. Its partnerships with leading universities and businesses offer a unique platform for security focused start-ups and researchers by lending business acumen and by linking innovators, industry leaders and government officials. The GSC is a valuable launching pad for security innovation and **each year over \$500,000 is awarded** in its world-leading competitions to entrepreneurs and researchers within the security technology field. The mission of the GSC is to stimulate technological innovations that make airports, cities and enterprises safer without encroaching on civil liberties.

About Michigan Security Network – Recognizing Michigan's potential to become a national leader in key growth areas of the \$113 billion global market for homeland security technologies and services, 16 leading companies, universities and other opinion leaders from across the state joined forces in 2008 to create the Michigan Security Network (MiSN), a nonprofit organization founded to leverage this opportunity and accelerate the growth of homeland security business, investment and job creation in Michigan. MiSN serves as a platform to accelerate technology development, investment and job growth for Michigan in the fast-growing homeland security sector. www.MichiganSecurityNetwork.com.

About University of Michigan-Dearborn - Founded in 1959 with a gift of just over 200 acres of land and \$6.5 million from the Ford Motor Company, UM-Dearborn has been distinguished by its commitment to providing excellent educational opportunities responsive to the needs of southeastern Michigan. The university has 8,700 students pursuing undergraduate, masters, doctoral and professional degrees in the liberal arts and sciences, engineering, business, education, and public administration. With a faculty devoted to teaching, and students committed to achievement, UM-Dearborn has been shaped by its history of interaction with business, government and industry in southeastern Michigan, and is committed to responding to the needs of the region in the future.