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HOMELAND SECURITY COALITION FORMED TO ADDRESS NATIONAL AND COMMERCIAL SECURITY CONCERNS

(Seattle, WA) January 15, 2002 — (www.askmecorp.com) Leading technology firms from across the nation have joined forces to form the Homeland Security Coalition to help government and commercial organizations provide secure environments for their agencies, constituents and customers. Charter members of the Coalition include AskMe Corporation, Fingerprint USA, KSolutions and TrustWave.

Working as a team, the members of the Homeland Security Coalition support more than 90 percent of the Fortune 500 and provide products and/or services to more than 37,000 organizations in both the private and public sector.

The objective of the Coalition is to help organizations "find and fix" their security vulnerabilities before they become liabilities. The process includes helping organizations first identify security vulnerabilities, assess and manage operations risk, and then develop, validate, and apply cost-effective management and technical solutions.

"Clearly, every organization should quickly address their specific security needs and deploy solutions to meet their security challenges," said Joe M. Allbaugh, Director of Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) in response to the formation of the Coalition.

Acting as a partnership with customization capabilities, the Coalition assesses each client's needs and offers a cohesive solution comprised of offerings from appropriate coalition vendors. This results in faster planning and implementation for the client, and eliminates the need to deal with multiple vendors to solve each security need.

Each Coalition member offers unparalleled capabilities that provide their clients a seamless, collaborative environment for enabling value-added security solution opportunities. Furthermore, their engineering, analysis, and technology products and services can be easily tailored to accommodate state-of-the-art business practices, evolutionary systems development and modernization approaches, and "over-the-horizon" systems management techniques that are being used by many government and industry decision-makers.

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Coalition Charter Members:

AskMe Corporation, based in Bellevue, Wash., is the leading provider of knowledge sharing software for Fortune 1000 companies. www.askmecorp.com

Fingerprint USA, based in Haymarket, Virg., provides success-oriented "solution engineering", guiding the conceptualization, planning and implementation of automated identification systems. www.fpusa.com

Ksolutions, headquartered in Annapolis, Md., is a full-service provider of knowledge management and business intelligence solutions that identify, capture, share and apply intellectual capital across an enterprise. www.ksolutionsinc.com

Trustwave Corporation, based in Annapolis, Md., is an enterprise Information Assurance firm that provides security services and solutions for both commercial and government organizations.

www.trustwave.com

About AskMe Corporation

AskMe builds software solutions that enable global 2000 companies to create and manage Employee Knowledge Networks. Employee Knowledge Networks are software systems that deliver employee expertise directly to other employees blocked on critical tasks exactly when they need it most.

AskMe's solutions enable employees with business-critical problems to discover the best expertise within the organization, facilitate the exchange of that expertise, capture the outcome for re-use, dispatch the best practices to employees who need to know, and provide the tools to analyze the results to make the entire company more effective. Blue-chip companies including Ford Motor Company, Procter & Gamble, 3Com, and CNA Insurance have implemented the company's flagship product, AskMe Enterprise. Founded in 1999 by former Microsoft executives, AskMe is privately held with headquarters in Bellevue, Washington. (www.askmecorp.com)

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