

Ridge Global and KippsDesanto Commit Early to 2010 American Security Challenge

Washington, D.C. January 15, 2010 – The National Security Initiative is pleased to announce the agreement by Ridge Global LLC and KippsDeSanto to be Platinum Sponsors in the 2010 American Security Challenge (ASC) Sponsor.

In the 2008 first year event, Governor Ridge was the recipient of the prestigious Patriot Award. In 2009, Governor Ridge gave a keynote address and proudly presented the 2009 Patriot Award to a trusted patriot, Admiral Jim Loy who the Governor had the pleasure of working with for many years.

“The Ridge Global commitment, even before we know exactly what this year’s event will be or even when is exciting for us as it demonstrates his confidence in the programs mission and our ability to execute. We are honored to be working with him again,” said ASC Chairman Roger London.

New to the American Security Challenge is KippsDeSanto & Co. The interest and commitment by KippsDeSanto, again so far in advance of the 2010 Challenge is another demonstration that the market is recognizing the American Security Challenge as an effective program that heightens the awareness between tech buyer/investor and tech provider, as well as a proven platform that accelerates the testing/deployment of the latest innovations.

KippsDeSanto delivers \$20M to \$500 M&A and financing transaction for leading middle market, growth-oriented technology and defense companies. “KippsDeSanto is a quality organization whose customer and sector focus overlaps greatly with the American Security Challenge; we are delighted to be working with them., says Mr. London.

Interested innovators, sponsors and others are encouraged to visit www.AmericanSecurityChallenge.com for full information on eligibility, submission deadlines and other information.

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ABOUT NATIONAL SECURITY INITIATIVE (NSI) The National Security Initiative is a non-profit organization devoted to promoting America's long-term national security interests by uniting the power of the market to the power of American ingenuity.

The principle channel is the American Security Challenge, an annual technology contest that brings innovators and investors from around the country together to collaborate and support the best security technology devoted to our country's long-term national security. Learn more about NSI at www.NationalSecurityInitiative.com and about ASC at www.AmericanSecurityChallenge.com.

ABOUT KIPPSDESANTO & CO. KippsDeSanto solutions are focused on the sectors we know — Government Services, Aerospace/Defense and Software & IT Services. We are recognized for our industry experience, knowledge of sector specific valuation drivers, and long-standing relationships with buyers and investors.

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