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### **Los Angeles Conference Features Controversial Dialogue on Privacy versus Security**

**Los Angeles, CA – May 7, 2013** - The ISSA-LA Fifth Annual Information Security Summit on Tuesday, May 21, 2013 at Hilton Universal City Hotel features a critical discussion – the balance of privacy versus cybersecurity in today’s business world. The discussion takes place during The Law Enforcement Panel, which includes a representative of the U.S. Secret Service, a former Los Angeles FBI Special Agent with oversight of Cyber National Security squad, a Los Angeles County District Attorney’s office member and an attorney from the Electronic Frontier Foundation.

“The government has – or will soon have – the technical ability to monitor whatever traffic it wants over the Internet. Some of us might sleep more soundly if the government used this capability. Others of us would not sleep at all,” said ISSA-LA President Stan Stahl, PhD. “It will take dialogue, understanding and wisdom if we are to find the right dynamic balance here.”

The ISSA-LA Summit is the only information security conference that includes information tracks for both executives from the C-suite and information security professionals. With small businesses now the target of 31 percent of all attacks, a threefold increase from 2011 (Government Security News, April 16, 2013), it is even more critical that executives get briefed on security issues and take measures to prevent information and identity theft.

**The Law Enforcement Panel** includes **Marc Beaart** of the Los Angeles County District Attorney’s Office, **Hanni Fakhoury**, Staff Attorney at the Electronic Frontier Foundation (“EFF”) in San Francisco, **Jason Smolanoff**, former FBI Special Agent Los Angeles with oversight of a Cyber National Security squad, and **John (Jack) Furay**, a Special Agent and an Electronic Crimes Special Agent- Electronic Crimes Investigation and Computer Forensics (ECSAP-CF) and Critical Systems Protection Program Special Agent (CSP) with the United States Secret Service. Howard Schmidt, former White House Cybersecurity Coordinator and Special Assistant to the President will be the opening keynote speaker of the Summit.

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