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**ISSA-LA Donates \$20,000 for Nonprofits to Attend the
Fourth Annual Information Security Summit on Cybercrime**

Los Angeles – April 26, 2012 – The Los Angeles Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-LA) has created a donation fund of up to \$20,000 to IT employees and executives of nonprofits to attend, at no charge to the attendees, the fourth annual *Information Security Summit* on Wednesday, May 16, 2012 at Hilton Universal City Hotel in Los Angeles. The theme of the one-day Summit is *The Growing Cyber Threat: Protect Your Business*, which includes the business of operating nonprofits.

“We are offering 100 free registrations to our nonprofit friends because we know how important it is that the critical work of nonprofits move forward unimpeded by criminal attacks,” said ISSA-LA President Stan Stahl, PhD. “Nonprofits are prime targets of cybercriminals who steal personal identities and bank funds. Additionally, nonprofits typically have thousands upon thousands of individual pieces of data, sensitive data that belongs to the people in our community, and which cannot be secured if staff members and executives are not aware of how to deal with the danger they face. The idea of extending a hand to nonprofits is in line with ISSA-LA’s credo that *‘It takes the village to secure the village’* SM.”

According to a new study by the Center for Civil Society at the UCLA's Luskin School of Public Affairs, in September 2011, the latest date for which data is available, there were 31,600 registered 501(c)(3) public charities in Los Angeles County, generating more than \$35 billion in economic activity and employing over 230,000 people. At least 10% have budgets over \$1 million. A significant number of large nonprofits have budgets of more than \$10 million. Most of the donations today are made over the Internet and kept on the organizations’ databases. This information needs to be properly protected and secured.

The Summit is the only educational forum in Los Angeles specifically designed to encourage participation and interaction among all three vital information security constituencies: (1) business and organization executives, senior business managers, and their trusted advisors; (2) technical IT personnel with responsibility for information systems and the data they contain; and (3) information security practitioners with responsibility for ensuring the security of sensitive information.

Registration is open to anyone interested in learning more about information security but is particularly recommended for business and nonprofit executives and senior managers; business professionals in law, accounting, insurance and banking; technical IT personnel; and information security practitioners.

The Information Security Summit is part of ISSA-LA’s important community outreach program. The goal of the program is to help the community stay safe from cybercrime by enabling the necessary collaboration between business, nonprofit and community leaders, technical IT professionals and the information security community.

Nonprofits interested in registering for the event should e-mail vp@issa-la.org to receive the appropriate registration codes.

About the LA Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-LA)

The Los Angeles Chapter is the founding Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association, an international not-for-profit organization of information security professionals and practitioners. ISSA-LA is the premier catalyst and information source in Los Angeles for improving the practice of information security. The Chapter conducts outreach programs to business, nonprofits, government and consumers. For more information or to register for ISSA-LA's 4th Annual Information Security Summit, please visit: www.issa-la.org.