ISSA-LA Donates $25,000 for Nonprofits to Attend the
Sixth Annual Information Security Summit on Cybercrime Solutions

Los Angeles – March 17, 2012 – The Los Angeles Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association (ISSA-LA) has created a donation fund of up to $25,000 for executives and IT personnel of nonprofits to attend, at no charge, the Sixth Annual Information Security Summit on May 16, 2014 at the Hilton Universal City Hotel in Los Angeles. This year's Summit, ***The Growing Cyber Threat: Protect Your Business***, will highlight practical solutions every organization can implement to better secure their sensitive information from cyber criminals.

"We are offering 100 free registrations to our nonprofit friends because we know how important it is for nonprofits to learn about cybercrime and the kinds of solutions that are out there that are effective at blocking criminal attacks," said ISSA-LA President Stan Stahl, PhD. "Nonprofits are prime targets of cybercriminals who steal personal identities and commit Internet bank fraud. That's why we want to give nonprofit executives and their key staff the opportunity to learn about the preventive measures they can implement to better deal with cybercriminals. To us in ISSA-LA, providing free registration for nonprofits illustrates what we mean when we say ***'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 2012, the latest date for which data is available, there were 31,500 registered 501(c)(3) public charities in Los Angeles County, generating more than $36 billion in economic activity and employing over 256,000 people. At least 10% have budgets over $1 million. A significant number of large nonprofits have budgets of more than $10 million.

The ISSA-LA Summit is the only educational forum in Los Angeles specifically designed to encourage participation and interaction in finding solutions to cybercrime among all four vital information security constituencies: (1) business executives, senior business managers, and their trusted advisors; (2) technical IT personnel with responsibility for information systems and the data they contain; (3) law enforcement and (4) 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; law enforcement professionals fighting cybercrime; faculty and students in college and university cybersecurity programs; 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, law enforcement and the information security community.

ISSA-LA is the premier catalyst and information source in Los Angeles for improving the practice of information security. The Chapter provides educational programs for information security and IT professionals. The Chapter also conducts outreach programs to businesses, financial institutions, nonprofits, governmental agencies, and consumers. ISSA-LA is the founding Chapter of the Information Systems Security Association, an international not-for-profit organization of information security professionals and practitioners. For more information on the Sixth Annual Information Security Summit, please visit http://www.issala.org.