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### **It's National Cyber Security Awareness Month: Cyber Security Expert Offers Top Five Network Security Tips**

**Kenosha, WI – October 1, 2007–** These are busy times for cyber security expert and Saturn Partners CEO Carole Crawford, who flies to clients from the Caribbean to major cities throughout the United States ensuring their confidential files are cyber-safe and compliant to the federal and state rules governing their businesses. Client range from banking and health care to transportation, utilities and government. During *National Cyber Security Awareness Month*, Crawford offers businesses tips on identifying security concerns:

#### **Top 5 Network Security Levels Questions to Ask Your IT/Compliance Management Team Before It's Too Late:**

1. **Is your network security program complete?** Your network security program should include the following: Updated and tested network security policy; once to twice yearly vulnerability and risk assessments from a neutral outside party as well as frequent internal testing; review and test of business continuity/disaster recovery plan, or if yours isn't current, get help from an outside firm to get yours ready; annual physical security audit for infrastructure, server rooms and operations centers; review of all critical third party vendor agreements for holes in liability and accountability during a disaster.
2. **If you are in the transportation, manufacturing, chemical or utilities/energy sectors, have you had SCADA testing done recently on your critical infrastructure?** Either leaving out the IT engineers from operations/SCADA testing, or assuming your older, isolated infrastructure doesn't have to include vulnerability testing with standard SCADA protocol testing is a mistake in our networked (and increasingly wireless) world of business. Depending on internal testing with staff only isn't recommended either, as a neutral third party testing process can give a whole new perspective on true vulnerability in critical infrastructures.
3. **Is your network environment prepared to handle a business interruption?** Do you have back-up servers with your data in the event of a hurricane, flood, lightning strike or other natural disaster, using tried and tested incident response procedures?
4. **Are you opting for ease of use within your network environment?** Are you thinking secure password management and tight security rules are too much of a hassle, and are you implementing employee security training for company assets, such as computers, company email and confidential information, not just for new hires but once to twice a year for management personnel?

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5. **Do you have trained personnel in place?** Do they know how to isolate a compromised machine, server, firewall or other evidence when tampering is found, to handle basic forensics evidence for prosecution purposes?

A “no” to any of these could mean a serious hole in a business’s security strategy for infrastructures and networks. Since it isn’t possible to always have the budget or talent for many areas mentioned above, Crawford advises using an experienced security and compliance vendor to assist with government compliance, especially in the banking, health care, utilities, or transportation sectors.

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