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From Kabul to Our Nation's Capital: Countering the Threat of Improvised Explosive Devices

Washington, DC – The InfraGard National Members Alliance (INMA) held a critical sector forum examining the counter IED efforts. INMA Chairman Dr. Kathleen Kiernan and Jeff Simons, COO of A-T Solution, welcomed a distinguished panel consisting of Louis Grever, FBI Executive Assistant Director for Science and Technology and Brigadier General Michael Shields, Deputy Director of Operations and Requirements for the Joint IED Defeat Organization (JIEDDO).

“We have seen the impact that IEDs have had on the battlefield, and a number of attacks on civilian populations around the globe using improvised explosive devices” said INMA Chairman Dr. Kathleen Kiernan. She added “It is important to examine the lessons that we have learned from our military and our allies if we are to properly protect our critical infrastructures from these threats.”

Jeff Simons, COO of A-T Solutions remarked “We at A-T Solutions consider this to be a critical issue and we are proud to sponsor this significant discussion. The panelists, and the attendees from across the government and private sector, highlighted the successes that can be achieved by bringing people together and starting a discussion.”

Louis E. Grever has served in the FBI for over 22 years. In that time he has held a number of important positions throughout the FBI including as Chief of the Tactical Operations Section and Deputy Assistant Director in Charge of the Special Technologies and Applications Office prior to being appointed to his current position as Executive Assistant Director of the Science and Technology Branch in 2008.

Brigadier General Michael Shields, USA is the Deputy Director of Operations and Requirements for JIEDDO. During his distinguished 27 years served with the Army his operational deployments include Operation Enduring Freedom in Afghanistan from 2002 to 2003 as CTF 82 C3 and Operation Iraqi Freedom in Iraq as the 172nd Stryker Brigade Combat Team (SBCT) Commander from August 2005 to December 2006, where the 172nd SBCT was awarded the Valorous Unit Award. He has held numerous command positions prior to his current position, including most recently as the Director of the National Joint Operations Intelligence Center on the Joint Staff.

The attendees included leaders from the FBI, DHS, DoD, the military services, the intelligence community, academia, and the private sector. EAD Grever said “Forums such as this are invaluable. The IED threat is very real to U.S. targets of opportunity and interests overseas and domestic. The exchange of ideas and information sharing in this public /private partnership will serve to better prepare the whole of the nation.”

About InfraGard and the InfraGard National Members Alliance

The InfraGard Program began in 1996 as a collaborative effort between private sector cyber professionals and the FBI field office in Cleveland Ohio. The FBI later expanded the program to each of the FBI's 56 field offices. In 2003 the private sector members of InfraGard formed the "InfraGard National Members Alliance" (INMA). The INMA is a non-profit Delaware LLC with 501(c)3 status. The INMA LLC is comprised of 86 separate 501(c)3 InfraGard Member Alliances (IMAs) representing over 40,000 FBI-vetted, InfraGard Subject Matter Experts. The INMA has a dual-focus value proposition. First, InfraGard provides its members with unmatched opportunities to promote the physical and cyber security of their organizations, through access to a trusted, national network of Subject Matter Experts from the public and private sectors. Secondly, it provides government stakeholders, at the local, state, and Federal levels, with unmatched access to the expertise and experience of critical infrastructure owners and operators.

For more information about InfraGard, please visit www.infragard.net. For more information about the INMA, please visit www.infragardmembers.org.

About A-T Solutions

A-T Solutions Inc. is one of industry's leading and fastest-growing counterterrorism firms, providing a full spectrum of training, technology, intelligence and mission solutions that protect people, infrastructure and nations from terrorist threats. Acquired by CoVant in February 2008, A-T Solutions has unique expertise in training to support warfighters, state and local first responders, and law enforcement professionals in detecting and defeating improvised explosive devices. The company supports more than 200 customers in more than 40 countries, including the departments of Defense, State and Justice; the Department of Homeland Security; the intelligence community; allied nations; and the private sector. A-T Solutions has 580 employees and is based in the Tysons Corner area of Vienna, Va. The company has an operations and a training center in Fredericksburg, Va., and additional offices in San Diego, Calif.; Larkspur, Colo.; Niceville, Fla.; Boise, Idaho; Virginia Beach, Va.; and Anacortes, Wash. A-T Solutions completed the successful acquisitions of Innovative Technology Systems in 2010 and Accelligence LLC and Trancite Logic Systems in 2009. For more information, please visit www.a-tsolutions.com.

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