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ANNOUNCE

Risk Management Research Scholarship Initiative

With Access to U.S. Government Security Clearances

Vienna, VA – December 2, 2010 – The University of Fairfax (UoF) and the Institute for Strategic Risk Management (ISRM), a division of Tenacity Solutions Inc, announce a combined student research tuition fund whose recipients may be sponsored for high level U.S. government security clearances.

This tuition funding will support University of Fairfax MS and doctoral students pursuing risk management research in information security. Students who are selected for this innovative cybersecurity academic-industry research partnership will obtain project experience at the ISRM. In addition, the ISRM parent, Tenacity Solutions, will facilitate sponsorship of eligible students for their U.S. government security clearance.

Students successfully completing the UoF-ISRM program can graduate with their InfoSec MS or Doctorate and two NSA certifications. A portion of the University of Fairfax curriculum maps 100% to the requirements for NSA 4011 and NSA 4012 certification. In recognition of this alignment, the National Security Agency has authorized the University of Fairfax to issue the NSA 4011 and NSA 4012 certifications to students who successful complete the designated courses.

“This academic-industry partnership between the ISRM and the University of Fairfax is unique in the federal sector,” stated Dr. David Comings, Director of the Institute for Strategic Risk Management. “No other program can produce a U.S. government cleared senior Information Security professional with applied risk management research skills for addressing the threat trends we face,” Comings added.

Mr. David Oxenhandler, President University of Fairfax underscored the commitment of the University to address the rapidly growing shortage of senior information assurance/information security professionals holding U.S. government security clearances. "Given the nation's critical need for qualified personnel who can protect corporate information systems, the University's information security focus is especially important," Oxenhandler concluded.

About the University of Fairfax

The University of Fairfax, an independent, non-profit online graduate university, is the first institution in the U.S. exclusively focused on information security graduate programs. The University, a leading provider of graduate degree programs in information security/assurance for senior InfoSec professionals annually offers **\$300K+ in InfoSec tuition fellowships** (http://www.ufairfax.net/ufairfax/application/financial_assistance.html). University of Fairfax students and alumni hold leadership positions in the federal, private, academic and health care sectors across the U.S. with major employers including Verizon, Lockheed Martin, System1, Wachovia, ManTech, the U.S. Department of the Treasury, the National Security Agency, the Nuclear Regulatory Commission, the Veterans Administration, Northrop Grumman and the Department of Homeland Security. They hold positions in areas that include IT Compliance, Enterprise Architecture, higher education, Information Security (IS) and Information Assurance (IA). The University of Fairfax is certified by the State Council of Higher Education for Virginia and is accredited in Indiana by the ICPPE. UoF is an authorized (ISC)²® Education Partner, offers National Security Agency Certifications and is an USAF Education Partner.

About Tenacity Solutions and the Institute for Strategic Risk Management

Tenacity Solutions Incorporated is an Information Technology services firm chartered to secure National Security IT Systems. In the 21st century, intelligence "lives" in IT. These systems are useless if not shared, but dangerous if not secure. In this dichotomy is where Tenacity's small teams of versatile, entrepreneur, motivated consultants are able to address and manage the IT risks with innovations that others cannot or will not deliver. Tenacity engineers routinely deliver the impossible: whether in warzones or offices. By securing systems, we can deliver on the required IT-based productivity gains to National Security. Tenacity established the Institute for Strategic Risk Management in order to provide integrated risk management research to its customers.

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