

THE ESP GROUP ENABLES SECURE COLLABORATION FOR INFRAGARD NATIONAL MEMBERS ALLIANCE

Cybercop Portal Supports Information Sharing for 11,000 Members and 84 Chapters

ARLINGTON, Va. – November 30, 2005 – The ESP Group, LLC, an Application Service Provider that offers highly secure, compartmented and Internet accessible portals to share Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU) information, today announced that InfraGard National Members Alliance (INMA or “InfraGard”), the largest national network of private sector, FBI- vetted subject matter experts (SMEs) for critical infrastructure protection, is using its Cybercop portal to facilitate secure communication with its members, local chapters and local, state and Federal government agencies.

InfraGard’s goal is to promote ongoing dialogue and timely communication between its members and local, state and federal government and law enforcement agencies, including the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) and the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). InfraGard members provide subject matter expertise to federal agencies that enhances their ability to secure and protect our nation’s critical infrastructures from terrorism and other crimes.

The Cybercop portal was designed to provide a secure, Web-based environment to promote and facilitate the communication of sensitive information among a cohesive network of law enforcement, homeland defense and first responder professionals from all levels of government - including international, federal, state and local - and the private sector. InfraGard uses the Cybercop portal to facilitate communications with its approximately 12,000 active members while also providing dedicated portal space for InfraGard partner and affiliated organizations as well as for each of InfraGard’s 84 local chapters. Through Cybercop, InfraGard participants can control access to their information down to the chapter and individual level.

“The Cybercop portal has been an extremely effective solution for InfraGard,” said Dr. Phyllis Schenck, chairman of the Board of Directors for the InfraGard National Members Alliance. “The portal affords our members ubiquitous and secure information access from any Web-enabled end device, which is essential given our decentralized structure. Effective public-private collaboration for critical infrastructure protection and response requires secure communication – anytime, anywhere.”

Cybercop, an ESP-coined term, refers to computer forensic experts, law enforcement and emergency responders that use the Internet to collaborate and share information with one another. Due to various geographic, system, political and monetary barriers, these individuals are rarely able to securely engage one another to share case information and to exchange best practices and lessons learned. As a result, The ESP Group created this secure portal which is committed to providing a safe and secure environment where ideas can be freely exchanged to aid individual efforts and to foster cooperative efforts in the fight against crime, terrorism and the security of the nation.

“InfraGard actively promotes collaboration between private industry and the government, particularly the FBI, when it comes to protecting critical national infrastructures,” said Matt Donlon, executive vice president of client services, The ESP Group. “The ESP Group has a long and successful history of providing secure, yet flexible portal solutions in support of homeland security and we were pleased to be able to share that expertise with InfraGard.”

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About InfraGard National Members Alliance

Founded in 1996 in the Cleveland, Ohio field office of the Federal Bureau of Investigation, the InfraGard National Members Alliance (INMA or “InfraGard”) is the largest national network of government-vetted private sector experts. With more than 11,000 active members across the organization’s 84 local chapters, InfraGard provides a vital link in protecting the nation’s infrastructure by serving as subject matter resources to local, state and Federal government and law enforcement agencies. InfraGard National Members Alliance is a volunteer non-profit 501(c)3 corporation. For more information about InfraGard, please visit www.infragard.net.

About The ESP Group, LLC

The ESP Group, LLC is an Application Service Provider that offers a thorough security solution for diverse organizations to share Sensitive but Unclassified (SBU) information through highly secure, compartmented, Internet accessible portals. Continuously striving to operate at a higher level of security, trust, service, technology and performance, the ESP Group focuses on aligning its solution of leveraging the Internet for sensitive applications with client's individual needs. More information is available on www.esppgroup.com.