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**Howard Schmidt, Trident Capital Consultant, Appointed New
White House Cybersecurity Chief by President Obama**

PALO ALTO, Calif. — Jan. 20, 2010 — Howard Schmidt, a venture consultant with international venture capital firm Trident Capital, has been appointed the new White House Cybersecurity Coordinator, a position created last year to orchestrate the government's strategy for protecting information networks and to coordinate cybersecurity activities and policy across the federal government, from the military to civilian agencies.

“Trident would like to congratulate Howard on his appointment. Howard is one of the world’s leading authorities on computer security, with nearly 40 years of experience in government, business and law enforcement, and there’s no one better qualified to lead the effort to protect our nation’s digital assets,” said Don Dixon, co-founder and managing director at Trident Capital. “As a Trident venture consultant for nearly seven years, Howard has added significant value to Trident’s security portfolio companies with his unique expertise and perspective. Howard has served with distinction on the Boards of Trident portfolio companies, Qualys and Neohapsis. We are honored to work with Howard as we further advance Trident’s security franchise and as he continues to define modern cybersecurity in his new role at the White House.”

In May of last year, President Obama declared the nation's digital networks a "strategic national asset" and said protecting them would be a "national security priority." Creating a White House cybersecurity office, run by a senior White House official, would be key to that effort, he said. As the Cybersecurity Coordinator, Schmidt will have regular access to the President and serve as a key member of his national security staff. He will also work closely with the President’s economic team to ensure that these cybersecurity efforts keep the nation secure and prosperous.

“I have been proud to have been a part of Trident Capital as they are leaders in the business with an experienced, hands-on team and a strong track record in identifying and building businesses

that become leaders in their respective industries, and it has been an honor to work with them,” said Schmidt.

Fellow Neohapsis board member, General Peter Pace (USMC Retired and Former Chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff) commented, “Howard is one of the world’s leading authorities on computer security, with experience in government, business and law enforcement. He is the right person at the right time to coordinate our nation’s cybersecurity effort.”

Howard A. Schmidt Professional Background

Schmidt has had a long and distinguished career in defense, law enforcement and corporate security spanning almost 40 years. He most recently served as president and CEO of the Information Security Forum (ISF). Previously, he was chief information security officer and chief security strategist for eBay. He has served in the position of chief security strategist for the US CERT Partners Program for the National Cyber Security Division of the Department of Homeland Security, and from 2001 to 2003, he served in the White House as vice chair and then chair of the President’s Critical Infrastructure Protection Board and as the special advisor for cyberspace security. Prior to his role at the White House, Schmidt was the chief security officer for Microsoft Corporation.

In his career in law enforcement, computer forensics and IT security, Schmidt has served as supervisory special agent, director of the Air Force Office of Special Investigations, Computer Forensic Lab and Computer Crime and Information Warfare; head of the Computer Exploitation Team as a computer forensic specialist for the FBI; a municipal police officer; an instructor at the FBI Academy; and a special investigator for the US Army Reserves.

About Trident Capital

Trident Capital is a leading venture capital and private equity firm committed to empowering entrepreneurs to build innovative and industry leading businesses. Founded in 1993, the firm has more than \$1.5 billion of capital under management across six funds. Trident has invested in more than 150 companies since inception, with a focus on software, business services, healthcare

IT, Internet and cleantech. Trident invests across multiple stages of companies, from early startup to expansion stage investment to growth capital and buyouts. Trident's security investments include: AirTight Networks, Arxan Technologies, HyTrust, MegaPath Networks, Neohapsis, Qualys, Sygate (acquired by Symatec), Tablus (acquired by EMC), Thor Technologies (acquired by Oracle), TriCipher, Vident Systems and Voltage Security. Trident has investment offices in Palo Alto, CA and Westport, CT. For more information, please visit Trident's web site at: <http://www.tridentcap.com>.

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