Birkholz Awarded Keynote at Portland ITEC and WCSF Best Speaker 2005

Erik Birkholz will be the Keynote speaker at Portland ITEC on December 7, 2005

NEWPORT BEACH, California—December 6, 2005—History repeats itself as Erik Pace Birkholz, President and Founder of Special Ops Security, and Timothy M. Mullen, CIO and Chief Software Architect for AnchorIS.Com, won the distinction of "Best Speaker" at the 2005 West Coast Security Forum, held in Vancouver, Canada on November 14, 2005. This is the second time in three years that the presenting duo have been awarded the high honor.

Quick on the heels of the warm reception in Vancouver, Birkholz was awarded the Keynote presentation at the Portland ITEC event, held this year in Halls D and E of the Oregon Convention Center, December 7 and 8. "I am honored that ITEC has asked me to be their Keynote speaker at the 2005 Portland ITEC," said Birkholz. "After years of convincing our customers of the importance of asset-based security it is reassuring to see the industry validate our assertions with this Keynote opportunity."

The Portland ITEC opens at 9:00 AM on December 7 with the Keynote presentation from Mr. Birkholz. The exhibit floor opens at 10:00 AM and the event continues on December 8 until 3:00 PM.

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About West Coast Security Forum

The West Coast Security Forum was created in 1998 by the CIPS Vancouver Security SIG - the security special interest sub-group affiliated with the Vancouver chapter of the Canadian Information Processing Society. The conference is locally organized entirely by volunteers and operates as a not-for-profit organization.

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