

## **Robert Rodriguez of Security Innovation Network Receives 2009 Compass Award From IDG's CSO Magazine**

San Francisco, California—Feb.26, 2009—Robert D. Rodriguez, Chairman of The Security Innovation Network (SInet), is a recipient of a 2009 CSO Compass Award from IDG's CSO Magazine. Mr. Rodriguez founded SInet, a non-profit whose mission is to increase collaboration between the public and private sectors to accelerate the innovation of security technologies that maintain and protect our nation's IT and telecommunications critical infrastructures. As assaults on the nation's cyber infrastructure grow increasingly sophisticated and aggressive, collective efforts to identify and introduce innovative solutions into the investment, government, and industry markets for adoption become more imperative.

This prestigious honor is bestowed upon six honorees in 2009 who demonstrate excellence, achievement and leadership in security and drive business value for their organizations and communities of interest.

A former 22-year veteran of the Secret Service, Mr. Rodriguez also founded and chairs the annual [IT Security Entrepreneur's Forum \(ITSEF\)](http://www.publicprivatepartnerships.org/itsef/) which brings together leaders from federal agencies, system integrators, entrepreneurs, VCs, academics, and scientists to address the technical, strategic, legal, economic, and policy aspects of IT security. ITSEF will be held March 18, 2009 at Stanford University. Interested attendees and sponsors may find more information at: <http://www.publicprivatepartnerships.org/itsef/>

"The CSO Compass Award honorees have influenced the security industry and their organizations through their leadership and insight. As the security profession evolves this group of honorees showcases the continuous value of security," says Derek Slater, CSO editor in chief.

Mr. Rodriguez will accept his award at the CSO Perspectives Conference on March 2, 2009, at Hilton Clearwater Beach Resort in Clearwater, Florida.

### **About CSO:**

CSO produces award-winning information and community resources for security executives leading business risk management efforts within their enterprises, as well as create opportunities for security marketers to reach them. Launched in 2002 the CSO portfolio includes CSOnline.com, CSO magazine and CSO Executive Programs. CSO, and sister brand CIO, are produced by CXO Media, a subsidiary of International Data Group (IDG), the world's leading technology media, research and event company. Company information is available at <http://www.idg.com>.

### **About The Security Innovation Network and IT Security Entrepreneurs' Forum (ITSEF):**

The Security Innovation Network (SInet) is a not-for-profit whose mission is to advance innovation needed of 'best of class' technologies that can best protect and secure our nation's IT & Telecommunications critical infrastructures and command-control operating systems against cyber security adversaries. Mr. Rodriguez, its founder, evangelizes on leveling the playing field for emerging companies and the crucial role that public-private sector collaboration can play in identifying and introducing these innovation solutions into the investment, government, and industry markets for adoption, bridging the gap between "Silicon Valley and the Beltway." More info on SInet and IT Security Entrepreneurs' Forum can be found at [www.publicprivatepartnerships.org](http://www.publicprivatepartnerships.org).

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