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EMERGING OPPORTUNITIES FOR SECURITY CONSULTANTS WAS FOCUS OF ANNUAL GATHERING IN MIAMI BEACH

(Miami Beach – April 20, 2012) – The world's top security consultants gathered in Miami Beach April 15-18 for the 2012 Annual Conference of the International Association of Professional Security Consultants (IAPSC). Security experts shared the latest developments in technical and forensic security, and explored challenges and trends affecting the industry.

The conference was organized by **Kelly S. Klatt, CPP**, who operates the Center for Security Solutions, Inc. in Orlando, FL and is also the Director of Safety & Security for Loews Hotels' four-property resort campus in partnership with Universal Orlando theme parks. **William Bratton**, Chairman of Kroll, a leading risk-consulting firm headquartered in New York, NY, kicked off the conference with an excellent opening keynote address focused on capturing new opportunities in the field of consulting. He was followed by a line-up of outstanding speakers and timely and relevant topics. The conference also provided valuable networking and industry recognition.

During the conference, **Francis D'Addario**, Principal of Crime Prevention Associates in Seattle, WA was presented with the Association's Charles A. Sennewald Distinguished Service Accolade for his outstanding and significant contributions to the security profession. The award is named after the IAPSC's founder, Charles Sennewald, who is a widely respected expert and author in the field of security consulting. D'Addario is well-known expert in the field of strategic all-hazards risk and mitigation.

The Association awarded its Meritorious Life Member Award for outstanding achievement and exceptional leadership within IAPSC to **Ralph Witherspoon, CPP, CSC**, of Cleveland, OH, a veteran of the security industry and an IAPSC member has been active in many leadership roles for over 20 years.

During its Annual Business Meeting for the IAPSC membership, the Association elected its board and officers. Officers elected to serve for 2012-2013 terms were: **Richard P. Grassie, CPP**, Plymouth, MA as President, **Frank Pisciotta, CSC**, of Raleigh, NC as Vice-President, **Harold Gillens, PSP, CFC, CHS-III**, of Summerville, SC as Treasurer and **James Kelton, CISA, CGEIT**, of Costa Mesa, CA as Secretary. During the business meeting, the Association also unveiled a newly designed logo and announced that it will be introducing a new website in the fall.

The next IAPSC Annual Conference will be held April 21 – 24, 2013 in Napa Valley, California at the Meritage Resort and Spa.

About the International Association of Professional Security Consultants

IAPSC is a non-profit membership association headquartered in San Francisco. IAPSC is the most recognized and respected organization of independent (non-product affiliated) professional security consultants. The primary purpose of the IAPSC is to establish and maintain the highest standards for professionalism and ethical conduct in the industry. IAPSC's rigid membership requirements ensure that potential clients may select from the most elite group of professional, ethical, and competent security consultants available. For more information on IAPSC, call: (415) 536-0288, or email: iapsc@iapsc.org or go to: www.iapsc.org

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