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ARE WE READY FOR THE DAY BEFORE TOMORROW?

Preparing for the Cyber Battle

WASHINGTON, D.C. October 12 – The Homeland Security & Defense Business Council today released its second monograph in its 9/10/11 Project tackling the complex issues in cyber security. As the complex computer virus Stuxnet continues to grab headlines, the Council’s monograph walks through the history of “cyber” and weaves together the current state of our interconnected and interdependent social and economic systems.

Starting with the earliest recognition of the impact networked “cyber” systems could have on the nation’s security and domestic critical infrastructure, the monograph illustrates the evolving and increasing dependence our economy and security has on our digital infrastructure.

“The story of ‘cyber security’ vividly illustrates the partnership needed between government and industry to protect our deeply interconnected systems,” said Council President & CEO Marc Pearl. “Industry is at the forefront of developing the tools and resources necessary to protect our way of life. The Council seeks to foster open and collaborative communication between industry and government to nurture and support what must be done to get us to a resilient and responsive system.” The monograph describes the earliest developments in Internet security and how it has evolved to impact every single citizen of the United States. Anne Petera of Lockheed Martin Corporation, one of the many industry experts interviewed for this monograph says, “Everyone who will benefit from a less risky cyber space environment needs to have some skin in the game – every step toward a more networked, advanced world comes with significant vulnerabilities and we are all responsible to mitigate them.”

On the 10th of each month between now and through September 2011, the Council will release a monograph that will provide a brief history of our security efforts on a specific topic, as well as an assessment of the future of that topic. Each monograph will include a running timeline (interactive on our website) illustrating the events, incidents, and critical government responses pertinent to that month’s topic. Industry leaders will be made available for additional interviews. For more information on the project, visit <http://www.homelandcouncil.org/91011-project.html>.

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About the Council

The Homeland Security & Defense Business Council is a not-for-profit, non-partisan organization of the leading companies that bring homeland security solutions to the marketplace. The Council works to ensure that the perspective, innovation, expertise and capabilities of the private sector are recognized, respected and integrated with the public sector. For more information, please visit: www.homelandcouncil.org.