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The Alliance for Telecommunications Industry Solutions (ATIS), previously held a summit meeting on Signaling for Voice over IP. The meeting was very well attended and was deemed hugely successfully in pulling together industry leaders and standards organizations to consider key issues associated with signaling for Voice over IP.

One of the common threads among the presentations made and discussions held was that security related issues are a significant industry concern.

Therefore ATIS is holding a Summit meeting to further consider Security related issues. Although still tentative, in addition to presentations by key wireless and wireline executives (see the following press release), representatives from Committee T1, TIA, IEEE, ITU-T, IETF, OIF, IPv6 Forum, ATM Forum, MPLS Forum, the International Softswitch Forum, and NRIC are on the agenda. Attached for your information is a press release on this topic

Additional information may be found on the ATIS web site.

ATIS Security Summit to Convene Communications Network Leaders Addressing Network Security Vulnerabilities and Protection

November 25, 2002, Washington, D.C. - Senior executives and officials from wireline and wireless Service Providers, Internet Service Providers, the U.S. Government and Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) will be among the participants at ATIS' "Security of Service Provider Infrastructure in an Era of Convergence" Summit to be held February 4-5 2003 in Washington, DC. The two-day summit will explore the key technical and operational security issues facing existing and future network infrastructures.

"Security is a recurring theme when it comes to protecting our nation's core communications infrastructure," said Susan M. Miller, president and CEO of ATIS. "The ATIS Security Summit will bring together the right experts to examine the critical

security standards needed to ensure end user, enterprise and service provider network security."

William L. Smith, President - Interconnection Services & Chief Technology Officer for BellSouth Telecommunications will moderate a panel discussion entitled, "Service Provider Perspectives on Security," on Day One of the Summit. The panel will bring together executives from some of the largest wireline and wireless carriers to identify how interoperable and scalable security solutions can be provided and maintained within multi-service provider networks.

Following the Service Provider panel discussion, William Ruhl, CEO of D&E Communications, Inc., and member of the National Security Telecommunications Advisory Committee (NSTAC), will moderate the panel discussion entitled, "Government and Service Provider Perspectives on Security." This panel will bring together executives from cable, Internet Service Providers, and the U.S. Government to discuss how to access information securely and reliably within core infrastructure networks.

Upon completion of the Service Provider sessions, technical sessions will convene to examine how Standards Development Organizations (SDOs) can continue to develop technical solutions for end-users, enterprises, service providers, manufacturers and network operators to utilize in addressing specific security threats.

The formal Summit agenda and registration information are available at www.atis.org. The Summit will be held at the Intelsat offices in Washington, DC.

About ATIS

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