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GETRONICS STUDY IN THE US REVEALS ICT SECURITY AND COMPLIANCE ARE COMPETING FOR RESOURCES

US respondents claim ICT security expenses are spread across various departments as integrated security and governance are top-of-mind

Getronics, a global leader in workspace management ICT services and security solutions, today announced the results of its annual ICT security study in the US. Data from the new study reveals that security professionals across a broad cross-section of industries believe that regulation is strongly impacting their organisations:

- More than 50 percent of respondents reported that time spent on compliance is a leading threat to ICT security; but
- An overwhelming 89 percent of respondents indicated that enterprises are maturing their approach to security by funding initiatives across several departments, ensuring that ICT security is integrated throughout the entire organisation.

'While many security surveys appear throughout the year from a variety of sources, Getronics has historically sought to look beyond the metrics and expose the motives and catalysts behind projected activities and behaviours of its current and future clients,' said Doug Goodall, Vice President of Global Security Services, Getronics.

Further analysis of the study shows that:

- ICT security spending among enterprises will increase for 50 percent of respondents, while 41 percent of respondents expect to maintain current budgets through 2006;
- 40 percent of respondents reported that their security budget had increased by at least 20 percent since 2004.

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- Of those reporting the distribution of ICT security expense, departments most commonly sharing the bill include legal, finance, operations, and risk management;
- Although more than 50 percent of ICT departments are performing annual compliance testing, the majority of departments are not conducting annual security-related compliance activities.

'The diverse sources of company security funds illustrate the emergence of security as organisationally pervasive and no longer the sole responsibility of IT,' added Goodall. 'With multiple stakeholders within an organisation, security has become more complex and more strategic.'

Getronics' study indicates a need for balance between compliance and warns that organisations not let their operational guard down by sacrificing annual security-related compliance activities in the face of compliance testing. When nearly half of those surveyed mention compliance along with viruses, worms and network intrusions as one of the top four threats to their ICT security, there is cause for concern.

The 2006 ICT Security Compliance Survey received responses from information technology and security professionals working in a variety of industries. The annual security study was previously conducted by RedSiren, which Getronics acquired in 2005. As a result of the RedSiren acquisition, Getronics owns and operates the International Information Integrity Institute (I-4), the world's leading information security consortium.

A complete copy of Getronics' 2006 ICT Security and Benchmarking Survey can be downloaded from the company's Web site at http://www.getronics.com/global/en-gb/services/security_services.htm.

About Getronics

With some 25,000 employees in 30 countries and approximate revenues of €2.6 billion, Getronics is one of the world's leading providers of vendor independent Information and Communication Technology (ICT) solutions and services.

Getronics designs, builds, deploys and manages flexible and innovative end-to-end

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solutions, working together with our partners and clients, in order to optimise and increase the productivity of our clients' mobile knowledge workers.

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