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## Group8 Security, Inc. Set to Bring a New Approach to Business Security

RENO, Nevada—December 18, 2007—Group8 Security, Inc. is pleased to announce its formal launch and its intention to change the way that business looks at security with an expanded philosophy that lifts the technical veil from the security process.

Founded by Michael Grant, the Group8 team of seasoned industry professionals includes Patrick Botz, the former Lead Security Architect for the IBM System i platform and the i5/OS operating system. Group8 Security, Inc. will provide consultancy that demystifies security to what has until now been seen as a complex, technical issue.

Focusing first on the business processes behind security rather than the software and technology, Group8 Security will partner with businesses to help them establish and manage business processes that lead to sound IT security business decisions. The end result is a security infrastructure that meets an organization's specific requirements in the most efficient and cost-effective way instead relying on simple one-size-fits-all software solutions that can only be partially effective.

"All too often businesses are attempting to secure their assets before those needs have been properly defined," says founder Michael Grant. "We recognized this disconnect between the real issues that shape security and how companies often put the cart before the horse when attempting to address them."

Pat Botz points out that "There's a serious problem with the state of security in the IT industry. Security isn't primarily a technical issue. It's a business issue. Part of the reason for the dismal state of information security across the whole industry is that the average IT executive or chief financial officer (CFO) has assumed that information security in the electronic age is purely a technical issue."

Group8 aims to change this thinking by bridging the gap between business executives within an organization and their IT staff. By focusing on security processes and policies as a foundation, and then guiding partnering organizations through the implementation, monitoring, and verification of those security policies, Group8 offers the business world a new path to the proper security that is so critical today.

"Because security is a verb, an on-going process, the team at Group8 Security will be offering annual security partnerships for medium to small organizations who otherwise have no access to CSO expertise," says Ken Akren, VP Business Development. "Our intent is to demystify security and to train and coach organizations to become self sufficient. We will then offer a more modest partnership to these organizations whereby they will always have access to industry security experts on an as-needed basis."

For more information on Group8 Security, Inc., its new philosophy on security, and how Group8 can assist your organization, visit [www.group8security.com](http://www.group8security.com).

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