

Press Release:

PRIDEVEL AND HIPAA ACADEMY TEAM UP TO PROVIDE HIPAA SECURITY RISK ANALYSIS AND REMEDIATION SERVICES

Naperville, IL – March 27, 2004 – PrideVel, a leading Information Technology consulting firm specialized in Healthcare and Hospitality Industries; and HIPAA Academy, a division of ecfirst.com that has established itself as a gold standard in HIPAA certification training, today announced that they are teaming up to provide HIPAA Security Risk Analysis and Remediation services to Healthcare industry.

PrideVel and HIPAA academy will jointly pursue HIPAA compliance services opportunities with all covered Healthcare entities nationally. This partnership will leverage the knowledge & intellectual property created by HIPAA Academy and the experience of PrideVel management in delivering large consulting projects to their customers. PrideVel will also facilitate HIPAA Academy's recognized Certified HIPAA Professional (CHP) and Certified HIPAA Security Specialist (CHSS) training programs to its customers periodically.

“There is a tremendous need for quality HIPAA Security Compliance consulting and training as the demand is expected to increase exponentially in the next few months. Having best in class methodologies and well-trained consultants allows us to offer unmatched services to our clients. In an increasingly insecure world, it is important that organizations look for a reliable and dependable source of solutions and talent,” said Mr. Prasad V. Rao, President and CEO of PrideVel Consulting Inc.

“Our partnership with PrideVel allows us to scale our services to serve the Healthcare industry nationally. While we are the established leaders in HIPAA Compliance Solutions, teaming up with PrideVel offers us increased bandwidth and the market reach to offer end-to-end solutions to the Healthcare industry. I am very excited for the future of both companies as well as our clients” said Mr. Uday Ali. Pabrai, CEO of HIPAA Academy.

About Pridevel Consulting Inc.

PrideVel is a boutique firm focused on Healthcare and Hospitality industries with specialty solutions. This laser focus enables PrideVel to allocate resources and management time to provide the best-in-class services and solutions to its clients. In addition, PrideVel also partners with Industry leaders to bring their experiences and products. The synergy created between PrideVel's own talent and partners' experiences provides unparalleled solutions to PrideVel's clients. PrideVel's founder and CEO Prasad V. Rao is a highly successful entrepreneur. Prior to PrideVel; he co-founded several technology companies over the past twenty years. He was the recipient of the prestigious “E & Y Entrepreneur of the Year” award. CyberTech Systems, a company he co-founded was ranked #5 in 1999 and #7 in 1998 on the Inc. 500's fastest growing private companies.

About HIPAA Academy

The HIPAA Academy (www.HIPAAacademy.Net) is the gold standard in the industry for HIPAA consulting, training and certification. HIPAA Academy delivers solutions in the areas of HIPAA Professional Services, HIPAA Advisory Services, HIPAA Risk Analysis, Gap Analysis, Security Policy development, HIPAA Audit and Evaluation and HIPAA Training and Certification. HIPAA Academy clients include Hospitals, several State governments, including the State of Oregon, Iowa and Illinois, as well as many county governments.

HIPAA Academy's Certified HIPAA Security Specialist (CHSS) program is a fast-growing certification program whose attendees include CISSPs, RSA Security and many hospitals and government agencies. The HIPAA Academy's Getting Started with HIPAA and The Seven Steps to HIPAA Security Compliance are the best-selling texts at several sites, including Amazon.com and BN.com. The HIPAA Academy has developed a customized set of security policy templates to meet the requirements of the legislation. These are exclusively available at www.HIPAAAcademy.Net

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