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### **AT&T Foundation Awards \$100,000 for Cybersecurity Research**

*University of Texas at Dallas and Syracuse University receive \$50,000 each*

WASHINGTON – The AT&T Foundation today announced two grant awards totaling \$100,000 to support cybersecurity research at the University of Texas at Dallas and Syracuse University. Both universities are leaders in the field of cybersecurity and have been designated as Centers of Academic Excellence in Information Assurance Education by the National Security Agency and the Department of Homeland Security.

The grants, announced at the Gartner IT Security Summit in Washington, D.C., are part of the AT&T Foundation's technology and innovation portfolio, which supports research in emerging technology issues.

“Networking and computer security are critical to governments, companies and individuals that depend on consistent and secure communications in their everyday business,” said Ed Amoroso, AT&T Chief Security Officer. “The AT&T Foundation is supporting two of the national leaders in this area of research.”

AT&T, itself a leader in the area of networking security, has received recognition from organizations such as Frost & Sullivan for having the most comprehensive set of services offered by any managed security services provider today. AT&T's portfolio of managed security services include firewall, intrusion detection, denial of service and distributed denial of service detection and prevention, and token authentication. The company also provides a wide range of professional services, such as risk analysis, vulnerability assessments and ethical hacking, so that in partnership with companies it can design, manage and monitor networks that act as a “front line” of defense against attacks or other vulnerabilities.

The University of Texas at Dallas grant will support research efforts to develop innovative hardware and software methods for achieving highly secure and attack-resilient network systems. More than 20 faculty members in the University's Erik

Jonsson School of Engineering and Computer Science are actively engaged in these research efforts.

“The AT&T Foundation Grant will be very helpful in funding our CyberSecurity research and the testing efforts in our new ‘world class’ Security Analysis and Information Assurance Laboratory,” said Dr. E. Douglas Harris, Associate Dean and Executive Director of the Digital Forensics and Emergency Preparedness Institute.

The Syracuse University grant will support computer security research efforts at the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism within the University’s College of Law. The Institute is dedicated to promoting interdisciplinary research, teaching and public service concerning national security and counterterrorism. The AT&T Foundation grant will enable the Institute to continue its collaboration with the New York State Office of Cyber Security & Critical Infrastructure Coordination.

“By supporting the work we are now doing, the AT&T Foundation grant will enhance our efforts to better protect the vulnerable critical infrastructure and cyber entities, not just in New York, but on a broader scale as well,” said William C. Banks, director of the Institute for National Security and Counterterrorism. “This type of cooperation and collaboration is essential to providing a safer environment for us all.”

Editor’s note: In conjunction with Security Month, AT&T is the premier sponsor of the Gartner Summit on IT Security, being held June 7-9 in Washington, D.C. at the Marriott Wardman Park Hotel. In addition to AT&T security-related product and service demonstrations, AT&T will feature several executive speakers and panelists at the event.

#### About the AT&T Foundation

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