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### ***Drakontas LLC Joins the BlackBerry ISV Alliance Program***

**CAMDEN, NJ**– Drakontas LLC, a software developer of situation awareness tools for command and control (C2) for law enforcement, public safety, and homeland defense, today announced that it has joined the BlackBerry® Independent Software Vendor (ISV) Alliance Program.

As a result, Drakontas will gain access to business, marketing and technical resources from Research In Motion (RIM), as well as access to other alliance members interested in leveraging Drakontas' offerings.

Brian Regli, Ph.D., Drakontas' CEO, said the initiative provides Drakontas with additional support to extend the presence of its DragonForce™ situation awareness platform as more and more law enforcement agencies, security personnel and first responders are being equipped with BlackBerry® smartphones for day-to-day operations.

“Many of our customers have chosen to use BlackBerry smartphones, so there are obvious marketing and development synergies to pursue with this new partnership,” commented Dr. Regli. “Becoming a part of the BlackBerry Alliance Program is another step towards strengthening Drakontas' presence in the public safety and security markets, and affords us an opportunity to leverage the strong brand recognition that BlackBerry carries around the world.”

DragonForce™ has been tested and refined over the past few years during field trials conducted with multiple law enforcement and public safety agencies, as a direct result of research funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice. This funding has also provided Drakontas with extensive access to practitioners and subject matter experts to provide direct feedback on the utility of the toolset. Added James Sim, Drakontas President & COO, “In order to deliver our software tools to law enforcement and security professionals we need a hardware platform with a proven track record of stability, reliability and customer trust - the BlackBerry platform delivers on all fronts.”

#### **About Drakontas LLC**

Drakontas ([www.drakontas.com](http://www.drakontas.com)), headquartered in Camden, NJ, develops, evaluates and promotes interoperable communications solutions that increase the safety and operational efficiency of law enforcement, emergency response, and security personnel. The company was founded in partnership with Drexel University in 2004 to transition technologies developed at the

Applied Communications and Information Networking (ACIN) Center for the Department of Defense to commercial, civilian and homeland security uses. Through funding from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs' National Institute of Justice (NIJ), Drakontas has received additional opportunities to operationally test its situation awareness tools in the practitioner environment.

In addition to providing situation awareness products, Drakontas administers the National Law Enforcement Corrections Technologies Center - Communications Technologies Center of Excellence (COE) through a \$3.68 million cooperative agreement from the NIJ. The COE, whose purpose is to test, evaluate and demonstrate cutting edge communications tools and technologies, is currently managing a wide range of criminal justice pilot projects involving software defined and cognitive radios, position location technologies, wireless data interoperability, and other communications tools and capabilities. The COE also provides support to the NIJ Communications Technologies (CommTech) Technology Working Group, and provides specialized communications technology assistance to law enforcement agencies around the country.

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