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Drakontas Named 7th on *Philadelphia 100* List of Fastest Growing, Privately Held Companies in Philadelphia Region

The Philadelphia Business Journal, in cooperation with the Wharton Small Business Development Center and the Entrepreneurs Forum, Award Drakontas one of its most prestigious honors.

CAMDEN, NJ – Drakontas LLC, a provider of software tools and technical services to the justice, security and defense communities, was named the 7th fastest growing, privately held company in the Philadelphia region.

“Our recent growth has come from building strong customer relationships,” explained Brian Regli, Chief Executive Officer and Co-Founder of Drakontas LLC. “The next phase will come from scaling our sales, marketing and technology platform to reach a broader range of Federal, State and business customers looking to increase productivity and reduce costs for their security and law enforcement operations.”

The *Philadelphia 100* is a well-established program, managed by the Philadelphia Business Journal, the Wharton Small Business Development Center, and the Entrepreneurs Forum. More than 800 companies qualified for consideration.

Drakontas posted three-year revenue growth of greater than 500% for the period of 2006-2008 and Regli believes that the company will continue to post strong growth for the foreseeable future, despite the recent economic downturn.

“Our main customer is the Federal Government, and the spending pattern of that customer has not changed; in fact, it has intensified,” according to Regli. “If we continue to invest in our relationships and bring new, innovative solutions to market, we will be able to gain further momentum during this period of economic uncertainty.”

President and Co-Founder James Sim highlighted the role of the entire Drakontas team in achieving this prestigious award.

“Without a complete team effort – from administration to program management and support to technology development – this would not have been possible,” Sim explained. “Drakontas has demanding customers with complex requirements. We are fortunate to have a talented and

driven staff who are prepared to not only do their best, but to do what is required to ensure success.”

About Drakontas LLC

Drakontas (www.drakontas.com), headquartered in Camden, New Jersey, 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.

In addition to providing situation awareness solutions, Drakontas administers the National Law Enforcement and Corrections Technology Center (NLECTC) Communications Technologies Center of Excellence through a Cooperative Agreement from the U.S. Department of Justice, Office of Justice Programs’ National Institute of Justice. The Center of Excellence, whose purpose is to test, evaluate and demonstrate cutting edge communications tools and technologies, manages a wide range of criminal justice operational evaluations involving software defined radios (SDR) and cognitive radios, position location technologies, wireless data interoperability, and other communications tools and capabilities.

About the Philadelphia 100

Started in 1998 by the Entrepreneurs’ Forum of Greater Philadelphia, The Philadelphia Business Journal and the Wharton Small Business Development Center, the *Philadelphia 100* (www.philadelphia100.com) has recognized some of the region’s finest companies when they were just beginning to emerge: Mothers’ Work, Fiberlink, Urban Outfitters, Forman Mills, Kremer Laser Eye Center, and Primavera Systems, among others.

The *Philadelphia 100* is a merit-based program. Only companies that are among the fastest growing, privately held companies are awarded the *Philadelphia 100* designation. The integrity of the process and the resulting list makes the *Philadelphia 100* one of the most sought awards in the region.

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