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## **Patriot Technologies and The Citadel Group, Inc. Form Key Security Group Under the SBA Mentor-Protégé Program**

*Key Security Group Allows Organizations to Satisfy 8(a) Diversity Goals*

FREDERICK, MD, December 18, 2009 — Patriot Technologies, Inc. and The Citadel Group, Inc. today announced, by way of a joint venture, the creation of Key Security Group under the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) Mentor-Protégé Program. Key Security Group's purpose is to allow customers to satisfy their 8(a) and small business purchasing requirements and goals while maintaining the confidence of doing business with a stable, long-standing supplier like Patriot Technologies.

Operating out of Frederick, MD, Key Security Group will provide security solutions that include both technology tools and IT security services. Companies can satisfy diversity purchasing program initiatives through Key Security Group with a high-level of assurance that the standards of service and customer satisfaction they expect from Patriot will still be met.

“Patriot Technologies has already proven to be a supportive mentor through this program,” said Dan Spruill, President of Key Security Group. “They have devoted executive-level sponsorship and management support through the entire joint venture process.”

“Key Security Group is yet another way that Patriot Technologies offers support and customer satisfaction to our clients,” said Bruce Tucker, President of Patriot Technologies. “This partnership provides another contract vehicle offering that enables organizations to diversify security products and services purchases.”

The SBA Mentor-Protégé Program assists small businesses (protégés) to successfully compete for prime contract and subcontract awards by partnering with large companies (mentors) under formal Agreements. The SBA Mentor-Protégé Program is a very desirable program within the government for the transformation of a small business firm with high potential to a firm of substance, that is, one able to perform well as a prime contractor and/or a subcontractor.

**About Patriot Technologies:** Patriot Technologies, Inc. is the trusted, go-to source for comprehensive IT security solutions. Government and commercial organizations have relied on Patriot's products and services, including security technologies, professional services and security appliance manufacturing to ensure the confidentiality, integrity and availability of their assets while satisfying operational requirements. As a single information security source, Patriot Technologies provides objective analyses of vulnerabilities and has a proven track record of delivering customer-specific solutions based on security best practices. The company's focus on security, expertise within the industry, life-cycle approach and complete suite of offerings has made Patriot the preferred partner of vendors and customers alike. Headquartered in Frederick, MD, Patriot is privately held and serves thousands of customers worldwide. For more information, visit [www.patriot-tech.com](http://www.patriot-tech.com).

**About The Citadel Group:** The Citadel Group, Inc. established in 1993, is certified as an 8(a)/SDB and is in the developmental stage. The company's focus areas are Information Technology, Systems Integration, IT Security, Video Conferencing, and Audio/Visual services. Their customer base consists of the Federal Government, both military and civilian agencies, as well as the commercial and education sectors.

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