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Commonwealth Information Security Center at James Madison University Awards
Grant to Richmond Air, LLC

RICHMOND, VA - February 24, 2004 /Send2Press Newswire/ -- James Madison University's (JMU) Commonwealth Information Security Center (CISC) presented its second small business grant of the year to Richmond Air, LLC ("RichmondAir" - www.richmondair.com). RichmondAir is a Virginia-based company that provides wireless broadband connectivity and network services to Richmond and Virginia businesses, rapidly establishing themselves as the premiere provider of wireless technologies in the metropolitan Richmond area. RichmondAir will use the grant proceeds to develop Rapid Response Disaster Recovery (R2DR) products that ensure critical network services against interruption by natural disaster, accident or terrorism.

RichmondAir is a young and rapidly growing company headquartered in Richmond Virginia. Sensing a market need for high bandwidth wireless connection services, the Company launched its marketing effort last year and quickly captured the "high ground" in Richmond's broadband wireless marketplace, obtaining key agreements with major partners for transmission locations and high speed access to larger networks. When Tom Bowden of McCandlish Holton PC (counsel to RichmondAir) made them aware of the CISC grant program, they saw a great opportunity to enhance their product offerings while furthering the goals of the CISC initiative.

"RichmondAir has a better understanding of the broadband wireless opportunity in Richmond than any other company I know. Getting an endorsement like the CISC grant confirms my assessment," stated Tom Bowden.

Leonardo Garcia, a principal of RichmondAir, stated: "The CISC grant will enable us to bring innovative and valuable services to Virginia businesses and government entities who are concerned about the security and reliability of their network connections -- this is a great example of Virginia's university resources playing a valuable role in fostering development of new companies, services and capabilities."

The CISC is a statewide, multi-university center with a focus on information security and assurance. The JMU center was founded in July 2001 with a grant from the Commonwealth Technology Research Fund of Virginia and is managed within JMU's Institute for Infrastructure and Information Assurance (IIIA). The Center's research emphasizes bridging the gap between basic research, and industrial technology development and commercialization. The Center also aims to create a program with Virginia industry that addresses the areas of computer and network security, computer network assurance, information assurance-related policies and standards, and holistic approaches to information assurance and system dependability.

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