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ICSA Labs to Test Security for New Cellular and Internet Protocol Technologies

Testing Focus of Fourth Annual IP Security Forum

MECHANICSBURG, Pa. -- ICSA Labs, an independent division of Verizon Business, will test the security aspects of new cellular and Internet protocol technologies at the fourth annual Internet Protocol Security (IPsec) forum next month.

The event, to be held by ICSA Labs May 19-23 in San Antonio, Texas, enables security vendors to test new products that work with the latest security-related protocol, called Internet Key Exchange version 2 (IKEv2). ICSA Labs will focus on testing two new technologies: femtocells and IPv6.

Femtocells are small mobile base stations that enable standard cellular devices to connect to a mobile carrier's network through a broadband connection, which results in more capacity and improved service, especially indoors. This emerging technology is quickly advancing to market, and ICSA Labs testing will assist vendors in verifying that femtocell devices are secure and interoperable.

IPv6 is the next-generation protocol for the Internet, and one key attribute of this technology is its built-in security functionality. ICSA Labs will use the forum to test the interoperability of IPsec for IPv6 to help companies prepare their networks as they move from IPv4, the current Internet standard.

Industry experts expect IPv6 to pick up momentum in the coming months. On June 30, all federal government agencies must add IPv6 capability as mandated by the Office of Management and Budget (OMB). IPv6 can support a virtually unlimited number of IP addresses – a critical need as the number of networks and devices using the Internet continues to grow.

“Our previous forums have been extremely successful, enabling vendors to collect valuable data about their products and learn how they work with other products,” said George Japak, managing director, ICSA Labs. “Many vendors have continued their commitment to providing secure and interoperable products by certifying their IPsec IKEv2 products with ICSA Labs.”

For more information about the ICSA Labs IKEv2 Interoperability Workshop IV, please visit <http://www.icsalabs.com/ipsec>.

About ICSA Labs

ICSA Labs, an independent division of Verizon Business, offers vendor-neutral testing and certification of security products. Many of the world's top security vendors submit their products for testing and certification at ICSA Labs. Businesses rely on ICSA Labs to authoritatively set and apply objective testing and certification criteria for measuring product compliance and reliability. For more information about ICSA Labs, please visit: <http://www.icsalabs.com>.

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