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DefenseStorm Named a TAG Top 40 Innovative Technology Company

*Technology Association of Georgia Honors 40 Companies for Innovation
and Contributions to the State's Technology Community*

ATLANTA (March 6, 2018) – The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG), the state's leading association dedicated to the promotion and economic advancement of Georgia's technology industry, has announced DefenseStorm as one of its Top 40 Innovative Technology Companies in Georgia. TAG will recognize this prestigious group at The Summit 2018 on March 20th and 21st, 2018, at the Cobb Galleria Centre.

TAG's Top 40 Awards recognize Georgia-based technology companies for their innovation, financial impact, and their efforts at spreading awareness of Georgia's technology initiatives throughout the U.S. and globally.

"The 2018 Top 40 finalists are an elite group of innovators who represent the very best of Georgia's Technology community," said Larry Williams, president & CEO of TAG. "The 2018 Top 40 finalists are shining examples of what makes our State such a hotbed for technology and we applaud them for standing out as leaders in Georgia's technology community."

This year's Top 40 were selected from among over 100 applications submitted by companies from across Georgia. Companies selected for the "Top 40" will be showcased in an exhibition at The Summit 2018.



“This year’s Top 40 was more competitive than ever,” said Dennis Zakas, managing partner of Zakas & Leonard, LLP and chairperson of the Top 40 Selection Committee. “In our quest to showcase the most innovative companies in Georgia, we had to make hard decisions, resulting in the exclusion of numerous deserving companies, many of which had been recognized as a Top 10 company in the past. The companies that we selected this year are truly outstanding.”

DefenseStorm is the only company that combines and automates in real-time cybersecurity and cybercompliance built specifically for banking. The company’s cloud-based technology and co-managed services answer a key need, particularly for regional and community-focused banks and credit unions.

“Cybercriminals are constantly evolving their tactics and financial institutions are a top target – in fact, research shows they see 65 percent more attacks and potential threats than do organizations in other industries,” said DefenseStorm Chief Marketing Officer Terrie O’Hanlon. “Regional and community-focused banks and credit unions are even more vulnerable as they often can’t staff large IT departments and cybersecurity teams. Our platform gives them the protection they need, with pricing aligned to asset size so they can cover everything without over investing. Linking and automating cybersecurity with compliance in real-time turns “check box” compliance into Active Compliance™ for even greater protection that no other solution enables,” she added.

The Summit 2018 is expected to draw a crowd of more than 1,500 C-level executives, entrepreneurs, technology professionals and academia to celebrate and recognize Georgia’s technology community. In addition to presentations from some of the top technology influencers in the nation, the newest member of the Technology Hall of Fame of Georgia will be inducted.

For more information about TAG and The Summit and to register for the event, visit <http://www.tagsummit.com/> Follow the conversation on Twitter through #TAGSUMMIT.



About The Technology Association of Georgia (TAG)

TAG is the leading technology industry association in the state, serving more than 30,000 members through regional chapters in Metro Atlanta, Athens, Augusta, Columbus, Macon/Middle Georgia, and Savannah. TAG's mission is to educate, promote, and unite Georgia's technology community to foster an innovative and connected marketplace that stimulates and enhances a tech-based economy.

Additionally, the TAG Education Collaborative (TAG's charitable arm) focuses on helping science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education initiatives thrive.

For more information visit the TAG website at www.tagonline.org or TAG's community website at <http://www.hubga.com> For the TAG-Ed Collaborative visit <http://www.tagedonline.org/>

About DefenseStorm

DefenseStorm provides cybersecurity and cybercompliance solutions specifically built for banking. The company delivers the only co-managed, cloud-based and compliance-automated solution of its kind – as both a technology system and as a service supported by experts in financial institution security and compliance. The DefenseStorm GRID™ watches everything on a financial institution's network and matches it to defined policies for real time, complete and proactive cyber exposure readiness, keeping security teams smart and executives accountable. The system aggregates event data across all cybersecurity tools and links policies to real time alerts so that financial institutions can prove to regulators they are both secure and compliant with evolving FFIEC cybersecurity requirements as well as with other regulations and their own policies. An Active Compliance™ engine automates tasks, enforces procedures, stores evidence, creates audit trails, and controls access to critical documents and data, moving compliance from "manual check-box" to real-time, significantly improving an FI's risk management position. www.DefenseStorm.com.

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