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## **DefenseStorm Named a Top 40 Innovative Technology Company**

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

ATLANTA -- (February 8, 2019) -- 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, Inc.](#) as one of its Top 40 Innovative Technology Companies in Georgia. TAG will recognize honorees at The Summit 2019 event February 11-12, 2019, 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 2019 Top 40 finalists are an elite group of innovators who represent the best of Georgia's Technology community," said Larry K. Williams, President and CEO of TAG. "The 2019 Top 40 finalists are shining examples of what makes our state such a hot bed 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 more than 90 applications submitted by companies from across Georgia. Companies selected for the "Top 40" will be showcased in an exhibition at The Summit 2019. DefenseStorm will be exhibiting at Booth #14.

"This year's Top 40 was more competitive than ever," said Dennis Zakas, chairperson of the Top 40 Selection Committee. "In our quest to showcase the most innovative companies in Georgia, we had to select from an incredible impressive lineup of contenders. The companies that we selected this year are truly outstanding."

The event – the state’s largest technology showcase - will feature internationally recognized keynote speakers, the honorees of the Top 40 and Top 10 Innovative Georgia Companies competition, the newest inductee into the Technology Hall of Fame of Georgia, 30 breakout sessions on global tech trends, and a two-day exhibitor showcase. DefenseStorm’s Terrie O’Hanlon will present “Leveling the Cybersecurity Playing Field: How Community Banks and Credit Unions Leverage Technology to Compete with Big Banks,” at 10:40 a.m. on Tuesday, February 12 in Room 105 at the [Cobb Galleria Center](#).

“With a three million person gap between open cybersecurity jobs and qualified professionals to fill them, all organizations are challenged to stay ahead of bad actors,” said Terrie O’Hanlon, Chief Marketing Officer for DefenseStorm. “DefenseStorm has innovated a fusion of highly-efficient and highly-intelligent cloud technology built for banking and married to high-touch cyber service expertise. With DefenseStorm, regional and community banks and credit unions can surmount the talent gap and comply with the same stringent regulatory standards to which larger financial institutions are held. We’re proud that our work has been recognized by TAG for its innovation and relevance,” she added.

### **About DefenseStorm**

DefenseStorm provides cybersecurity and cybercompliance solutions specifically built for banking to achieve and maintain Cyber Safety & Soundness. The DefenseStorm GRID™ is the only co-managed, cloud-based and compliance-automated solution of its kind, operating as a technology system and as a service supported by experts in FI security and compliance. It watches everything on a bank or credit union’s network and matches it to defined policies for real time, complete and proactive cyber exposure readiness, keeping security teams smart and executives accountable. FFIEC CAT and ACET requirements are built-in and automated, as can be other frameworks and an FI’s own policies, to achieve Active Compliance™. A Threat Ready Active Compliance (TRAC) Team™ augments a bank or credit union’s internal team to protect business continuity and skills availability while also ensuring cost-effective coverage and management. DefenseStorm is a NAFCU Preferred Partner for cloud cybersecurity. [www.DefenseStorm.com](http://www.DefenseStorm.com).

### **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, influence and unite Georgia’s technology community to foster an innovative and connected marketplace that fuels the innovation economy. Additionally, the TAG Education Collaborative (TAG-Ed) focuses on helping science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education initiatives thrive. For more information visit the TAG website at [www.tagonline.org](http://www.tagonline.org) or TAG’s community website at <http://www.hubga.com>. To learn about the TAG-Ed 5 Collaborative visit <http://www.tagedonline.org/>.

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