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## IP & Cellular Fire Alarm Communicator Gets the 'OK' for Government Building Use

Honeywell announced its IP and cellular fire alarm communicator has been found to be compliant with GSA (Government Services Administration) security policies following an extensive evaluation by its Public Building Service (PBS) IT Security Team. This assessment authorizes the use of Honeywell's IPGSM-DP communicator on the IT networks of U.S. federal government facilities.



ILSS President Brian Sheely poses at a local fire department with Honeywell's IPGSM-DP fire alarm communicator.

With GSA as the main purchasing agent for the U.S. federal government, a successful security evaluation for the IPGSM-DP opens countless opportunities for this technology's increased reliability and cost-saving benefits within federal government facilities throughout the world, Honeywell said. Brian Sheely, president of Innovative Life Safety Solutions LLC, a Georgia-based integrator, first approached the GSA with this solution to eliminate the costly phone lines traditionally used to monitor fire alarm systems.

"We documented their current expenditures using their own data and were able to show the positive impact these upgrades would have on their operational budget," Sheely described. "The savings start to snowball pretty quickly for a federal agen-

cy that operates and maintains more than 3,500 government buildings worldwide.

If pursued, the annual cost savings would prove to be in the millions."

The IPGSM-DP offers three selectable communications pathways: cellular only, IP only, or IP primary with cellular backup and SMS (Short Message Service) text as secondary backup. Utilizing IP and cellular/GSM (Global System for Mobile Communications) technology together improves the reliability and speed of reporting over single-path technology devices while verifying the connectivity of the primary pathway every 5 minutes, as opposed to once a day when phone lines are employed,

Honeywell stated.

According to a GSA Information Systems Security Team member, "The Honeywell IPGSM-DP will be placed on our internal list of products that have completed our assessment and remediation process. GSA project managers often look at the list to see which devices will present the least hurdle to moving their projects forward."

By simply connecting to the existing ports of a fire alarm control panel's DACT (digital alarm communicator transmitter), the IPGSM-DP can provide full Contact ID data reporting for virtually any brand of control panel.

"This IP/GSM solution would easily dovetail with several new GSA 'Smart Buildings' programs, which include billions of dollars worth of IT network, VoIP and energy management upgrades for all federal buildings," Sheely said. "We'll be installing the first IPGSM-DP unit in a federal building in downtown Atlanta within the next few weeks."

For information, visit [www.honeywellpower.com](http://www.honeywellpower.com).

## TECH BRIEFS

The **U.S. Air Force** (USAF) has certified Honeywell's ([www.honeywellvindicator.com](http://www.honeywellvindicator.com)) newest generation of Vindicator® Command, Control and Display Equipment (CCDE) to protect critical assets at its bases around the globe. The approval requires exhaustive qualification and operational testing and is successfully attained by only a handful of security technology vendors, Honeywell said.



Critical infrastructure sites around the world use Vindicator products as their central hubs for processing and routing security system data to operator displays. This allows operators to use a single workstation to manage security event information gathered from interior and perimeter intrusion, video detection, access control and fire systems.



**CNL Software** and **BRS Labs Inc.** jointly announced a technology partnership between the two companies. The partnership, under the CNL Software's Technology Alliance Program (TAP), will allow the companies to share development kits, thus creating close integration between their products. The integration will bring together incident analytics with situation management software.

AIStight™, created by BRS Labs, is the industry's first behavioral recognition solution for the video surveillance industry that observes, learns and responds to unusual activity, and memorizes these behavioral patterns as well as objects over a period of time. AIStight™ is able to integrate with existing video surveillance infrastructure and identify unusual and suspicious behavioral patterns in real time.



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