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ITAC JOINS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT CYBERCRIME BRIEFING AND GROUNDBREAKING OF THE NATIONAL COMPUTER FORENSICS INSTITUTE

WASHINGTON, DC, March 9, 2007— The Identity Theft Assistance Center (ITAC) will participate in a briefing, “Cybercrime in America: A Law Enforcement Perspective,” along with senior government officials, to mark the groundbreaking of the National Computer Forensics Institute in Alabama.

Featured speakers include U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, U.S. Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan and Alabama Governor Bob Riley. The National Computer Forensics Institute will provide training for law enforcement in the investigation and prosecution of those who use the computer and Internet for criminal purposes.

“The financial services companies that belong to ITAC have worked with national and regional law enforcement for nearly three years to bring criminals to justice,” said ITAC Executive Director Anne Wallace, noting that ITAC has landmark victim data sharing agreements with the Federal Trade Commission and U.S. Postal Inspection Service that is being used to catch and convict criminals.

“It will provide law enforcement with state-of-the-art tools and will enable jurisdictions throughout the country to share information and best practices,” Wallace said.

“We congratulate the Secret Service and the other agencies for addressing the need for trained personnel in the area of computer forensics and showing the leadership necessary to establish a national institute devoted to its practice,” said Jackson W. Moore, Chairman of Regions Financial Corporation, an ITAC member.

About ITAC

The Identity Theft Assistance Center (ITAC) (www.identitytheftassistance.org) is a nonprofit dedicated to fighting identity theft through victim assistance, research and law enforcement partnerships. Since it was established in August 2004, ITAC has helped thousands of consumers restore their financial identities. Part of the financial services industry focus on combating fraud and identity theft, ITAC is sponsored by The Financial Services Roundtable and BITS.

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