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INTEGRATED COMPUTER SOLUTIONS MAKES SIGNIFICANT EQUIPMENT DONATION TO AUM

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Integrated Computer Solutions (ICS), a Montgomery-based information security and technology consulting firm, recently donated approximately \$70,000 in cutting-edge computer equipment to the new Informatics Institute at AUM to help further the Institute's research mission.

The Informatics Institute, founded in 2008 under the Auburn University system as a standalone Institute, exists to foster research and education in the field of automation of information processing in diverse scientific fields and assurance sciences. AUM hired Dr. M. Sahinoglu as its Director in August 2008. As of December 2009, the Institute, as a part of the School of Science, became a degree-granting entity at AUM.

The equipment donated by ICS includes enterprise-class servers, as well as storage and network security appliances. According to Sahinoglu, this equipment will be an excellent addition to the Institute's facilities. "The cyber-security related equipment will be used to set up prototype laboratory ambience as a support system to the forthcoming grant prospects," he said.

ICS President Steve Goldsby explained why his company chose to make such a large contribution to the Institute. "The Institute's goals and those of ICS are well aligned around developing the skills and capabilities of students wanting to become IT professionals. Therefore, the donation was a natural extension to achieving this shared objective," he said. "Additionally, as the Institute was recently elevated to a degree-program, we know that the equipment donated will be put to great use by the Institute as it prepares students to become leaders in the field of information and network security," Goldsby said.

The Institute's Master of Science in Cybersystems and Information Security (CSIS) program will offer instruction and research opportunities that provide graduates with the necessary knowledge and skills to effectively assess, develop and manage secure information networks and respond to newly developed threats. Recent cyber attacks in both the domestic and international arenas suggest that cyber-security will continue to be a regional, national and global concern.

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Sahinoglu highlighted the importance of the ICS donation. “The CSIS students will benefit from ICS’ donation in their lab experience when the program starts in the coming year 2010,” he said. “The Informatics Institute staff extends their sincere appreciation to ICS and specifically Mr. Goldsby for this generous donation.”

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About Integrated Computer Solutions, Inc. (www.ICSInc.com)

Integrated Computer Solutions, Inc is a full-service information security and technology consulting and professional services firm headquartered in Montgomery, AL, with operating locations throughout the United States. Established in 1997, ICS provides a robust portfolio of technology and information security services to a wide range of Federal, State, and Fortune 1000 clients. The services that ICS offers include outsourcing, staff augmentation and support, network penetration testing, application vulnerability testing, disaster recovery and business continuity planning, risk assessments, WAN optimization, forensics, and incident response services.

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