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REUTERS VERNON HONORED AS 2003 PREMIER 100 IT LEADER BY IDG'S *COMPUTERWORLD*

RA Vernon, Vice President & Chief Security Officer, Reuters America Information Security Office, has been recognized by IDG's *Computerworld*, the weekly newspaper for IT leaders, as one of the business world's Premier 100 IT Leaders. The award honors individuals who have creatively applied technology to execute their organization's business strategy.

Formerly with the City of New York Department of Investigation, where he served as New York City's first Chief Information Security Officer, RA Vernon joined Reuters in January 2002. Vernon brought with him an extensive background in the area of Information Technology and Information Security, leading and developing IT security teams, policies, awareness programs, application of technology and security infrastructures.

Since joining Reuters, Vernon has been actively involved with strategic corporate initiatives such as Reuters Messaging (Reuters high-performance messaging for the financial community) and Reuters integration of Bridge assets acquired by Reuters in 2001. Vernon has also taken the lead with Reuters global incident response management activities, enhancing technical and escalation processes. Vernon previously held senior level Information Security positions with IBM, Barclays Capital and Citibank.

"IT leaders are responsible for a wide variety of initiatives that are vital to business -- ranging from customer service to security assurance to a cost-effective supply chain," said Maryfran Johnson, editor in chief of *Computerworld*. "Computerworld's Premier 100 IT Leaders highlight an elite class of technology thought-leaders who truly practice what they preach about using IT to creatively solve business problems and enable new services."

"Our customers rely on Reuters products to operate securely in an open, e-commerce environment which makes IT security a core competency for Reuters," said Graham Albutt, President, Business Technology Group. "Vernon is a true IT leader who is well respected by his colleagues and the greater IT community of our clients and technology partners. We are extremely proud of Vernon's accomplishment in the Premier 100."

Maryfran Johnson added that "Mr. Vernon was selected from hundreds of nominees based on those leaders who most closely matched Computerworld's Leadership Index, a set of characteristics that describes business and technology people who guide the effective use of IT in their organizations."

The Premier 100 IT Leaders award, now entering its fourth year, recognizes exceptional technology leadership, innovative approaches to business challenges, and effective execution of comprehensive IT strategies. Mr. Vernon will be honored at the Computerworld Premier

100 IT Leaders Conference, February 23-25, 2003 at the JW Marriott Desert Ridge Resort in Scottsdale, Ariz.

The complete list of Premier 100 IT Leaders can be found in the January 6, 2003 issue of *Computerworld* and online at www.computerworld.com. The issue includes several feature articles summarizing the challenges IT Leaders expect to face in the coming year including managing the IT workforce, improving core systems, vendor management, and aligning technology projects with business goals.

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