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TECH COMPANIES TEAM UP TO DEFEND US AGAINST CYBER ATTACKS

WASHINGTON -- Two Northern Virginia high-tech companies today announced the formation of a joint venture to more rapidly expand the federal government's ability to fend off the increasing number of cyber attacks on critical computer networks.

InZero Systems of Herndon, creator of a groundbreaking new technology to block cyber attacks on computers, has teamed up with By Light Professional IT Services of Arlington, an established government contractor, to form By Light-InZero. By Light will provide InZero with professional support and federal testing and contracting capabilities with a number of key government agencies in the defense and intelligence sectors. Both companies are privately held.

InZero, founded in 2005, is headed by Louis R. Hughes, former president of Lockheed Martin, the nation's largest defense contractor and a former executive vice president of General Motors. General Wesley Clark chairs the company's advisory board. "Our technology is essentially what the Administration and Congress have been calling for," Hughes said. "We are fundamentally changing the architecture of the personal computer to create an unprecedented level of security and control."

"This is a vitally important development for our national defense and for the protection of this nation's critical infrastructure," said Clark.

By Light was founded in 2002 by several retired senior military officers and telecommunications industry experts. It is headed by Lieutenant General Robert Donahue, former Deputy Director of the NATO Communications and Information Systems Agency and Deputy Commanding General of the US Army Signal School. By Light has been recognized as one of the fastest-growing IT companies in its field.

"The cyber challenges to this country's security are growing by the day," said Donahue. "We are delighted to be teaming up with such an innovative company whose sophisticated engineering solutions are so urgently needed by federal agencies as well as by major corporations."