White Paper Discusses Resources for Security Integration

As anyone who reads *SDM*'s Technology Solutions regularly can attest, integration is a hot topic in the security industry. Several new partnerships are announced every month aimed at enabling systems from different manufacturers to work together seamlessly. Now, a new white paper from access control manufacturer RS2 Technologies describes the wide range of integrated security applications that are available today.

"While video is the obvious hot spot, access control also now routinely integrates with intercom, intrusion detection, wireless locks, visitor management and other systems," the white paper, entitled "Integration in Access Control Systems; Putting Together the Pieces of an Integrated Access Control System," stated.

In addition to describing the benefits of each of those types of integration and providing network diagrams to show how various types of integration work, the white paper also explores the reason for the growing popularity of integrated systems. Security systems integration has grown because it benefits three key constituencies, including suppliers, integrators and end users, the author stated.

The paper also includes a list of questions that buyers and specifiers should ask the vendors of access control systems and the systems integrators who install these systems. Other topics covered include:
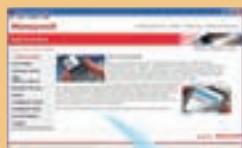
• The Definition of Integration
• How Integration Works
• The Importance of Partnering in Integration
• The Role of the Systems Integrator
• The Future of Integration: Convergence

"The reaction to our white papers on TCO (total cost of ownership) and open architecture in access control systems has been extremely positive," said RS2 managing partner Doug Robinson. "We are pleased to be able to continue to provide these white papers as a resource to dealers, systems integrators, end users, specifying engineers, consultants and others in the access control industry."

Robinson added that, as new white papers are available and are posted to the Web site, RS2 will notify interested parties who have signed up for the RS2 mailing list (which can be done on the "Contact Us" page of the RS2 Web site).

RS2 white papers are available by accessing the RS2 Web site (www.rs2tech.com), selecting Resources and then clicking on White Papers.

Design Tool Lets Dealers Customize Web Application

Honeywell launched the Total Connect Web Design Tool. The online resource, available only to Honeywell AlarmNet central stations and dealers, allows these customers the ability to incorporate their own brands on the Total Connect Web application.

The Total Connect Web Design Tool lets dealers offer their customers the Total Connect suite of services while also building brand awareness. The Web application pages can be tailored to reflect a dealer's company image, including logo and graphic design. Dealers also can create custom headers — including uploadable images — and have the ability to change the text and font for a completely customized look.

For information call (800) 222-6525 or visit https://services.alarmnet.com.

TECH BRIEFS

Intransa received Lenel factory certification for the integration of StorStac video data management and retention systems with Lenel's OnGuard access control system. Intransa is a member of Lenel's OpenAccess Alliance Program (OAAP). Intransa StorStac systems scale modularly as needed from as little as two terabytes (TBs) of RAID protected, hot-swap video retention through to more than 1,500TB of retention capacity. For information visit www.intransa.com or www.lenel.com.

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The Symmetry Security Management System from AMAG Technology now integrates with Bosch Security Systems' IP cameras. Compatible cameras include the Dinion and Dinion day/night IP cameras with 15-bit digital imaging; FlexiDome IP and Flexi-Dome day/night cameras featuring a high-impact, vandal-resistant dome; and Bosch's range of AutoDome Modular high-speed pan-tilt-zoom IP cameras. AMAG's Symmetry Security Management System is an intelligent networked solution scaled to manage security management challenges from small, remote facilities to multi-national organizations located around the globe. For information visit www.amag.com or www.boschsecurity.us.

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Fluidmesh Networks, a manufacturer of wireless systems for security applications based on mesh networking technology, is partnering with **Dotworkz Systems** to offer customers a total encasement solution. The newly released Fluidmesh Endo 2200 unit fits into the Dotworkz D2 and D3 camera enclosures. The Fluidmesh 2200 Endo is designed for indoor or embedded applications where the user already has an outdoor enclosure and wants to embed Fluidmesh wireless technology in an existing kit or set-up. For information visit www.fluidmesh.com