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(December 21, 2010) NC4, the leader in Situational Readiness solutions, has announced a partnership with Armstrong Atlantic State University’s Cyber Security Research Institute (CSRI) to provide a secure collaborative environment for cyber security professionals through the NC4 CyberCop portal. This partner program will provide Armstrong’s Cyber Security Research Institute with a safe and secure means of sharing and transferring knowledge between cyber security and law enforcement professionals in support of its training and research mission.

“I am very excited about the opportunities we have with NC4 and see great possibilities for future expansion between CyberCop and the Cyber Security Research Institute,” said Randy Grubb, CSRI Executive Director. “The Cyber Security Research Institute, with the support of the university, will be positioned to pursue research opportunities to help support and advance the overall long term operation, mission and membership base of CyberCop.”

The CyberCop portal will provide information sharing capability to CSRI users, and a secure web presence for the deployment of cyber security tools and technologies to its community. CyberCop features such as secure email, training tools and document management will assist in facilitating CSRI operations, and the portal’s single sign-on capability will enable CSRI to connect with other mission-related NC4-hosted portal resources.

“This is a mutually beneficial opportunity that will allow CSRI to leverage the proven resources and secure infrastructure of the NC4 CyberCop portal while securely providing the services and information to cyber security and law enforcement professionals,” said George Johnson, NC4 Chief Security Officer and CyberCop Director.

About The Cyber Security Research Institute:
The Cyber Security Research Institute at Armstrong Atlantic State University in Savannah, GA, is a component of the University Police. The Institute was founded in 2006 as a part of the university’s continuing efforts to address the growing cyber security education and training needs of our country’s intelligence, forensic, criminal justice and law enforcement professionals. As cyber threats have escalated, the Cyber Security Research Institute is preparing individuals and organizations on the front lines of our defense to investigate, analyze, assure and secure our increasingly vulnerable technology and communications.

About NC4’s CyberCop Portal:
The CyberCop portal was created in early 2000 and was originally hosted by The ESP Group LLC, before being acquired by NC4 in 2006. In its early years, the portal supported predominantly the forensics law enforcement community, but over time, has expanded to become a physical/cyber first responder environment. CyberCop currently serves close to 15,000 users involved in law enforcement operations, both in the forensics of cyber crime and the application of collaboration/information sharing to support law enforcement activities, with membership in the CyberCop community continuing to grow. The CyberCop portal solution is hosted and maintained by NC4 in its Secure Operating Center in Virginia. The company, with roots in the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency and the Software Engineering Institute of Carnegie Mellon University, specializes in building, hosting and customizing web-based applications for organizations that need to share sensitive information over the Internet.

About NC4:
NC4's Situational Readiness offerings revolutionize how government and businesses collect, manage, share and disseminate information to mitigate risks, manage incidents, and securely communicate and collaborate with one another. NC4 solutions are used in the public sector by, federal, state and local agencies in both emergency management and law enforcement disciplines, and in the private sector by companies involved in financial services, corporate travel, high-tech, insurance, supply chain management, aerospace and defense, oil and gas, pharmaceuticals and healthcare. NC4 takes a comprehensive and integrated approach to risk
mitigation and crisis management, by providing: relevant global security and travel intelligence, analysis, traveler tracking, and real-time threat alerting; managed response through our incident management application; and secure communication and collaboration with our Homeland Security Cloud solutions.