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## **For Immediate Release**

### **IDENTITY THEFT ASSISTANCE CENTER JOINS GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS AT GROUNDBREAKING OF THE NATIONAL COMPUTER FORENSICS INSTITUTE**

**WASHINGTON, DC, March 9, 2007**— The Identity Theft Assistance Center (ITAC) will participate in a briefing, “Cybercrime in America: A Law Enforcement Perspective,” along with senior government officials, to mark the groundbreaking of the National Computer Forensics Institute in Alabama.

Featured speakers include U.S. Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, U.S. Secret Service Director Mark Sullivan and Alabama Governor Bob Riley. The National Computer Forensics Institute will train law enforcement agents and prosecutors from around the country in the skills needed to investigate and prosecute individuals who use the Internet for criminal purposes.

“Consumers want justice. If cyber crime continues unabated and unpunished, it can undermine the public’s confidence in the system of protections afforded every U.S. citizen,” said ITAC Executive Director Anne Wallace, noting that ITAC forged landmark data sharing agreements with the Federal Trade Commission and U.S. Postal Inspection Service.

“Our experience working with federal and regional law enforcement shows that comprehensive and coordinated initiatives can and do result in justice for consumers,” Wallace added.

“We congratulate the Secret Service and the Alabama District Attorneys Association for their leadership in training law enforcement personnel in computer forensics.” said William Burch, corporate security director of Regions Financial Corporation, an ITAC member. “We all benefit when the industry and the government work together to fight this crime and protect the consumers.”

#### **About ITAC**

The Identity Theft Assistance Center (ITAC) ([www.identitytheftassistance.org](http://www.identitytheftassistance.org)) is a nonprofit dedicated to fighting identity theft through victim assistance, research and

law enforcement partnerships. ITAC has helped thousands of consumers restore their financial identities and is the leading source of verified data on identity theft crime. Recognized internationally for its innovative model, ITAC is sponsored by The Financial Services Roundtable and BITS as part of the financial services industry focus on combating fraud and identity theft.

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