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SATAI and the Technology Advocates of San Antonio (TASA) Form Alliance

To Strengthen the Technology Community in the San Antonio Region

February 23, 2009, San Antonio, Texas: SATAI www.satai.us and the Technology Advocates of San Antonio (TASA) announced today that they have formed an alliance to help strengthen the technology community in the San Antonio Region.

SATAI is a network of entrepreneurs, inventors, investors, volunteers, and service providers that exists to **Inspire, Create, and Grow** technology businesses in the region. TASA is a membership organization acting as a community integrator of technology leaders. The alliance solidifies the existing relationship between TASA and SATAI.

TASA has long been a source of entrepreneurs who apply to the Texas Emerging Technology Fund www.strcic.com and South Texas Angel Network for start-up funding. “Forming strategic alliances with organizations like TASA is one key element to the success of our network,” said Jim Poage, President and CEO, SATAI. “We are pleased to formalize our alliance with TASA and continue to facilitate the Inspire, Create and Grow mission of SATAI.”

The purpose of the alliance is to strengthen the framework for technology-based organizations and special interest groups in the community to coalesce around the common purpose of the development and advancement of technology businesses in the San Antonio region. Jim Slattery, TASA’s President, said “TASA and SATAI have a natural collaborative and synergistic element. Our alliance with SATAI strengthens both organizations through SATAI’s expertise in providing professional advice in the inspiration, formation, financing, and growth of technology businesses and TASA’s expertise in functioning as an “umbrella” organization networking technology businesses and services in the San Antonio Region.”

About SATAI

SATAI exists to **Inspire** technology innovation and commercialization, **Create** technology companies, and **Grow** them into viable businesses in the San Antonio and Bexar County regional economy. SATAI is also the South Texas portal for the Texas \$200M Emerging Technology Fund, and all applications in a 32 county region from Nueces county (Corpus Christi) to Bexar county (San Antonio) go thru SATAI. For more information on the San Antonio Technology Accelerator Initiative, visit www.satai.us. SATAI derives support from the City of San Antonio, the University of Texas at San Antonio, the State of Texas, Bexar County, private companies, individuals and public institutions.

About TASA

TASA www.tasa.org promotes the growth of San Antonio public and private technology-based enterprises through collective promotion, transfer of skills and resources, education, workforce development and joint endeavors with other civic and volunteer organizations. TASA bridges technological leadership and acts as an integrator in the community. TASA is a 501 (c)(6) non-profit organization.

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