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Iraq Defence, Security & Communications Summit Dubai, 16-17 February 2008

The forthcoming Iraq Defence, Security & Communications Summit (IDSC) looks set to be a hugely successful event, following confirmation that the summit will feature a strong delegation of senior Iraqi officials, including Ministers, Deputies and Director Generals.

The summit, which will take place in Dubai on 16-17 February 2008, will welcome the official Iraqi ministerial delegation, to be led by H.E. Abdul Qadir Obeidi, Minister of Defence, H.E. Shirwan Al-Waili, Minister of National Security Affairs and H.E. Raid Jahid Fahmi, Minister of Science & Technology, who have all confirmed their participation with their respective ministry delegations.

Welcoming an official Iraqi Government presence of this strength, with representation also from the Iraqi Ministries of Interior, Communications and the Kurdistan Regional Government (KRG) Ministries of Interior and Peshmerga Affairs, the purpose of the summit is to provide the opportunity for officials to meet with the international business community and discuss the practical, commercial and technical solutions required to aid the defence and security sectors.

The IDSC Summit will focus heavily on Iraq's various security and defence requirements, including the Iraqi police service, defence and security equipment procurement, civil defence, border enforcement, fire service and facilities protection and the role of private security companies.

Solutions from the telecommunications and technology sectors will also be discussed, with strong focus placed on the advances required to aid the development of the defence and security sectors and the important role to be played in this by the Ministry of Science & Technology, with the Ministerial delegation including key figures such as the General Director of Information Technology and the Head of Contracts.

The event also has the formal endorsement of the Private Security Company Association of Iraq (PSCAI), the British Association of Private Security Companies (BAPSC) and the International Peace Operations Association, all of whom recognise the strong synergy between the objectives of the summit, the aims of the respective attending Iraqi Ministries and the interests of their member organisations.

The Iraq Development Program has built its reputation through the implementation of a successful format whereby half of the summit time is devoted to speeches and presentations and the other half devoted to one-to-one meetings. Each Minister will speak during the opening ceremony on 16 February, providing the assembled audience with an overview of their respective Ministry's strategy and requirements.



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In addition, the attending Deputies and Director Generals will provide specific technical information and details of available contract opportunities. Meanwhile, the afternoons on both days of the summit (16-17 February) will see private roundtables set up for each Ministry, as well as the attending associations and representatives from the US Military.

Prior to the summit, confirmed sponsors and delegates will have the opportunity to schedule their preferred meetings with the respective officials to ensure their time at the summit is fully maximised.

A number of the pre-eminent operators in the defence, security, technology and telecommunications market have already confirmed their participation at the summit.

A limited number of delegate passes are available for this summit, while there are also potential sponsorship opportunities available for suitable organisations. To find out more about these please email: info@developmentprogram.org

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