



Press Release

Synergy Global Solutions acquires
Information Security Firm - xDefenders
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Synergy GS, a leading provider of information technology products, services and solutions across New York State have acquired the assets and staff of information security specialists, xDefenders.

This acquisition gives Synergy added depth; experience and CISSP (Certified Information Systems Security Professionals) talent, to better serve its client base of more than 1,000. According to Synergy CEO Ray Hutch, "with their expertise and proven business model, we can better serve our clients. We have common clients already who leverage our 24x7 Call Center and Network Operations Center in Buffalo with their 24x7 Security Operations Center in Rochester. Information security has become a big business and this acquisition fits our strategic goal of delivering total solutions to our clients. We can offer best-of-breed solutions from Cisco, Symantec, Sonicwall or best-value solutions using the Linux-based DefenderWall®, MailDefender® from xDefenders."

Founded in 2003, xDefenders has over 160 clients in 31 states, many in Upstate NY and a strong financial industry presence. The Company is focused on three major areas of information security; Managed Security Services 24x7, Managed Secure Mail and Professional Compliance Services. According to Jeff Thon, Director of the new xDefenders Division of Synergy GS, "the acquisition gives us access to a very large client base and the financial backing to support large clients. Every organization is in need of a strong security infrastructure and compliance process. Customers have growing needs in this area and typically do not have the time, expertise or desire to deal with all the details. We can help them manage best-protections, best-practices and compliance."

Both Companies are headquartered in Pittsford, NY and 36 year-old Synergy has offices in Buffalo, Syracuse and Albany. Synergy had revenues approaching \$70 million in 2006 and has over 200 employees.

About Synergy:

Synergy (dba. Western New York Computing Systems) is a diversified computer systems and consulting firm operating out of a corporate headquarters in Rochester, New York since 1971. Branches fully staffed with sales, service, and technical support personnel are located in Albany, Syracuse, Jamestown and a 24x7 fully staffed Solutions Center in Buffalo New York. Our company offers computer-related professional consulting services, which include wide area/ Internet and facility networks, managed help desk services, direct sales and maintenance of a broad range of computers and data communications equipment. Synergy is an ESOP or employee-owned company dedicated to providing outstanding IT services and support to our customers.