



## Pearson VUE and (ISC)<sup>2</sup>® Sign Exclusive Contract to Deliver Computer-Based Information Security Exams Worldwide

### *Top Cyber Security Professional Body Moves to Computer-Based Testing to Meet Growing Global Demand for Certifications*

**Bloomington, Minn., October 27, 2009** – Pearson VUE announced today that (ISC)<sup>2</sup>, the not-for-profit leader in educating and certifying information security professionals throughout their careers with more than 66,000 members worldwide, has signed a contract with Pearson VUE, the leader in secure high-stakes testing, to begin computer-based delivery of its Certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professional (CSSLP<sup>CM</sup>) exam sometime in 2010. Phasing in its other credential exams over the next three years, the CSSLP will be the first exam (ISC)<sup>2</sup> will transition from paper-and-pencil delivery.

To meet growing demand for certified information security professionals, the CSSLP and subsequent exams will be available globally throughout the Pearson VUE-owned and -operated network of more than 250 Pearson Professional Centers, as well as Pearson VUE Authorized Test Center Select network and Pearson VUE Authorized Test Centers located on US military installations around the world. To reduce external testing variables, the testing process at all Pearson VUE centers is automated. All centers also include biometric collection, monitoring and other safeguards to ensure a consistent, secure testing experience for all candidates.

“(ISC)<sup>2</sup> requires a test delivery provider with a high-quality, secure test center network that offers our candidates a professional testing experience and a new level of service and accessibility,” said W. Hord Tipton, CISSP-ISSEP, CAP, executive director for (ISC)<sup>2</sup>.

Tipton continued, “Our relationship with Pearson VUE is an important investment in the future of our certification programs. It allows us to take advantage of technical advancements to offer our candidates more, conveniently located venues, as well as the ability to register for an exam online 24 hours a day, seven days a week, for any time a testing center is open. Also, candidates will no longer have to wait several weeks to receive notification of their test results.”

“We are pleased to be chosen as the test delivery provider for an organization that sets the industry standard for security professionals,” said Robert Whelan, president and chief executive officer, Pearson VUE. “Pearson VUE is committed to providing the most secure, high-quality testing environment for our clients’ testing programs. As a company that knows and values security, (ISC)<sup>2</sup> is paying us a great compliment by entrusting us with its program.”



### **About Pearson VUE**

Pearson VUE ([www.pearsonvue.com](http://www.pearsonvue.com)) is the global leader in computer-based testing for information technology, academic, government and professional testing programs around the world. Pearson VUE provides a full suite of services from test development to data management, and delivers exams through the world's most comprehensive and secure network of test centers in 165 countries. Pearson VUE is a business of Pearson (NYSE: PSO; LSE: PSON), the international media company, whose businesses include the Financial Times Group, Pearson Education and the Penguin Group.

### **About (ISC)<sup>2</sup>**

(ISC)<sup>2</sup> is globally recognized as the largest membership body of and as the *Gold Standard* for certifying information security professionals. Celebrating its 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary, (ISC)<sup>2</sup> has over 66,000 certified members in more than 130 countries. Based in Palm Harbor, Florida, USA, with offices in Washington, D.C., London, Hong Kong and Tokyo, (ISC)<sup>2</sup> issues the Certified Information Systems Security Professional (CISSP<sup>®</sup>) and related concentrations, Certified Secure Software Lifecycle Professional (CSSLP<sup>CM</sup>), Certification and Accreditation Professional (CAP<sup>®</sup>), and Systems Security Certified Practitioner (SSCP<sup>®</sup>) credentials to those meeting necessary competency requirements. (ISC)<sup>2</sup>'s CISSP and related concentrations, CAP, and the SSCP certifications are among the first information technology credentials to meet the stringent requirements of ANSI/ISO/IEC Standard 17024, a global benchmark for assessing and certifying personnel. (ISC)<sup>2</sup> also offers a continuing professional education program, a portfolio of education products and services based upon (ISC)<sup>2</sup>'s CBK<sup>®</sup>, a compendium of information security topics. More information is available at [www.isc2.org](http://www.isc2.org).

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