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**Codebench Receives Top Honors in GSN's 2009 Homeland Security Awards,
Wins Best Integrated System for HSPD-12 / FIPS 201 Compliance Category**

COCONUT CREEK, Fla. — (November 3, 2009) Codebench, Inc., the leading provider of TWIC / HSPD-12 / FIPS-201 authentication software, announced today that its PIVCheck software suite was recognized as the top HSPD-12 / FIPS 201 solution by the judges in the Government Security News 2009 Homeland Security Awards.

Codebench won in the Best Integrated System for HSPD-12/ FIPS 201 Compliance award category, beating out three other finalists. Competitors in this category included AlertEnterprise, Lenel Systems International, and Hirsch Electronics.

"Codebench is absolutely thrilled to have received this recognition from GSN and it speaks volumes to the talent and dedication of our software engineering team run by Bob Fontana," said Geri Castaldo, CEO of Codebench. "We also want to thank Datastrip, our mobile reader manufacturer partner, and the many access control system partners that have supported us over the years."

Government Security News debuted the Homeland Security Awards this year to recognize the outstanding achievements of security vendors and government agencies at the federal, state and municipal levels. The publication handed out awards in 35 separate homeland security categories at an awards dinner in Manhattan on Oct. 27th attended by 300 government officials and industry executives.

Award categories for vendors included Best Intrusion Detection / Prevention System, Best Authentication / Identification Product, Best Mass Notification System, and others. Government agencies were recognized in categories that included Most Effective Border Security Program, Most Effective Seaport Security Program, and Most Effective State Government Security Program.

"The competition was stiff, and our panel of independent judges had to make some very tough choices, but we think we've identified the 'best of the best' for 2009," said Jacob

Goodwin, the editor-in-chief of *GSN: Government Security News*, who oversaw the evaluation process.

Codebench's PIVCheck software suite, an end-to-end card validation, authentication and registration solution for HSPD-12 compliance provides strong, three-factor authentication, managing the acquisition of cardholder data from a smart card and performing off-card biometric matching. It has recently been deployed by the Port of Houston Authority, Port of Wilmington, Delaware and is currently in use by several government agencies.

About Codebench

Codebench is a software development firm focused exclusively on physical security applications. A leading developer of software integration solutions, Codebench is a certified Women's Business Enterprise located in Coconut Creek, Fla., and serves the Fortune 500, academic and government markets. For more information, visit www.pivcheck.com or call (561) 883-3218.