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Vatterott Educational Center names CynergisTek Co-Founder to Advisory Board

Dr. Michael Mathews chosen to review new Information Systems Security Program

AUSTIN, Texas February 18, 2008 -- Dr. Michael Mathews, Chief Technology Officer and Co-Founder of CynergisTek, Inc., has been named to the Vatterott Educational Center's Information Systems Security Program Advisory Board.

As a member of the 5-member board, Dr. Mathews will review course content and syllabi, textbook selections, lesson and lab plans, and degree requirements for the Information Systems Security Program at Vatterott. The Advisory Board will continue to meet twice annually to provide guidance to the Information Systems Security Program, pursuant to guidelines established by the Department of Education requiring colleges to engage industry experts in the development of new degree programs.

"We were impressed with Dr. Mathews' credentials," said Bob McLain, Director of Career Services at Vatterott Educational Center - Dallas. "His experience in the field and his educational background made us feel that he would be a valuable contributor to the advisory board."

"I am delighted to participate as a member of the advisory board. With a field like information security that is constantly growing and changing, and where the requirements for competence and professional conduct are so high, it is crucial that students engage in a rigorous course of study to be competitive when they graduate. I am excited to assist Vatterott develop this kind of educational experience for its students," said Dr. Mathews.

Dr. Mathews has practiced nearly two decades in the field of information security and is considered an expert in many facets, including information security architecture, security and risk assessment, policy development and network security. Prior to co-founding CynergisTek in 2003, Dr. Mathews worked as the Chief Security Officer at Parkland Health and Hospital System and served as the Master Security Architect for

Exodus Communications. In addition, he was the Senior Network Engineer for TRW Space & Defense, where he provided services to the United States Air Force and National Security Agency. Dr. Mathews is also the author of the VISA USA Cardholder Information Security Program (CISP) audit standard for third parties, the predecessor to today's Payment Card Industry Data Security Standard. He has a Ph.D. in chemical physics from Tulane University, an MBA from Ashland University, and a Bachelor of Science in chemistry and philosophy from Spring Hill College.

Vatterott Educational Centers, Inc. is accredited by the Accrediting Commission of Career Schools and Colleges of Technology and operates twenty-two campuses nationwide.

About CynergisTek

CynergisTek is a leading provider of information security management, regulatory compliance, IT audit, security technology selection and implementation, and IT infrastructure architecture and design services and solutions for the healthcare, financial services and real estate industries. We offer an extensive portfolio of essential consulting solutions in these disciplines to assist our clients to execute successfully on the fundamentals, and beyond, in these core areas. We bring relevant and practical insights and guidance to our clients, we are disciplined in our methods, responsible stewards of our clients' resources, and generous in our service. These are our commitments. For more information, visit www.cynergistek.com.

About Vatterott Educational Centers

In 1969, Vatterott College began providing quality career training to students seeking career skills for a better life. Then, in 2003, Vatterott Education Centers Inc. was established as the parent company of Vatterott College, Vatterott Education Center of Dallas, L'École Culinaire and The Court Reporting Institutes. Each of these institutions takes pride in keeping up with the Vatterott tradition of providing quality education in high-demand fields and continues to grow by offering additional diploma and degree programs and launching new locations. Programs at Vatterott campuses include fields in Business, Medical, Technical, Trades, Court Reporting and Culinary. All programs are industry-relevant and designed to support the Vatterott mission of providing career skills for a better life for graduates.

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