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**ICOR Partners LLC Receives the Under Secretary's Award for
Outstanding Contractor Support from the Department of Homeland
Security**

WASHINGTON – January 6, 2006, ICOR Partners LLC, a strategy, transformation, and operations improvement consulting firm serving the public sector, announced today that it received the Under Secretary's Award for Outstanding Contractor Support from the U.S. Department of Homeland Security (DHS), Science and Technology Directorate (S&T). The award was presented to ICOR by the DHS under Secretary for Science and Technology, Dr. Charles E. McQueary.

The ICOR team received the award in recognition of the systems and business engineering support it provided to S&T and its Office of Systems Engineering and Development (SED). In support of the Office, the ICOR team was recognized for its efforts that included organizing the Federal BioWatch Advisory Committee, developing the business processes for the BioWatch Systems Program Office, developing an Operational Playbook for the S&T CounterMeasures Test Beds, and providing support to SED executives and managers in financial management, process improvement, project management, and strategic communications and outreach.

Additionally, the ICOR team was instrumental in creating sustainable systems engineering processes and tools including instituting Technology Readiness Levels as a method for reducing risks and evaluating the maturity of homeland security technologies, and creating a Transition Program to help transition emerging technologies and systems into SED.

“Our firm appreciates the opportunity to serve DHS and the country, and is extremely honored to receive this prestigious award from such a world-class institution,” said Wayne Simmons, Managing Partner of ICOR. “This award is a tribute to the drive, innovation, and leadership displayed by our S&T clients and my colleagues in their daily dedication to and support of the homeland security mission,” stated David Price, ICOR’s SED Program Manager.

The Under Secretary’s Award for Outstanding Contractor Support recognizes the professional, technical, and administrative accomplishments of companies that make substantial contributions to S&T’s mission. Awardees were selected based on the importance of their specific accomplishments; efficiency, effectiveness, and economy of operations resulting from their contributions; customer satisfaction; and personal initiative and ingenuity.

About the Department of Homeland Security, Science and Technology Directorate

DHS leads the unified national effort to secure America by preventing and deterring terrorist attacks and protecting against and responding to threats and hazards to the Nation. The Science and Technology Directorate (S&T), the primary research and development arm of DHS, conducts, stimulates, and promotes research, development, testing, evaluation, and timely transition of homeland security capabilities to federal, state, and local operational end users. S&T conducts its mission in various areas, or portfolios, organized into three main categories: (1) Countermeasures; (2) Support to Department Components; and (3) Cross-Cutting.

About ICOR Partners, LLC

ICOR Partners, LLC is a strategy, transformation, and operations improvement consulting firm serving the public sector. ICOR's mission is to be the trusted advisor that helps public sector clients achieve sustainable success by solving their most critical management, organizational, technical, and operational challenges. ICOR's clients include the Department of Homeland Security, Department of Health and Human Services, Department of Defense, U.S. Citizenship and Immigration Services, Department of Energy, National Nuclear Security Administration, U.S. Patent and Trademark Office, and U.S. House of Representatives. Established in 2002, ICOR is a veteran-owned small business and is headquartered in the Washington, DC metropolitan area. For more information, visit www.icorpartners.com.