

# Tom Ridge to Advise TechRadium on 'IRIS' Technology

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First Homeland Security Secretary and Ridge Global CEO to Serve as Senior Advisor

WASHINGTON, Jan. 9 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- Tom Ridge, the nation's first Secretary of Homeland Security and chief executive officer of Ridge Global LLC, will serve as a senior advisor to TechRadium, Inc., a leading Texas-based security technology company that provides its patented alert and notification system IRIS (Immediate Response Information System) to a wide range of users from public schools and universities to military programs.

TechRadium is at the cutting edge of new technologies necessary for protection and information in today's world, said Ridge. I look forward to assisting the company as it expands the use and opportunities of IRIS, a promising and exciting new technology.

Tom Ridge, former member of the U.S. House of Representatives and twice governor of Pennsylvania, was called to the White House after the attacks of September 11, 2001, to become the first Assistant to the President for Homeland Security and in 2003 became the first Secretary of the new Department of Homeland Security.

As Secretary, Ridge spearheaded the rapid deployment of new security measures while leading the historic creation of the nation's 15th cabinet department, the largest reorganization of government since the Truman Administration.

President George W. Bush praised Ridges service, saying: In the fight against terrorism, he has played a vital role in protecting the American people from a real and ongoing threat America is safer and our government is better able to protect our people because of his hard work.

TechRadium, Inc., is headquartered in Sugar Land, Texas, near Houston, where Ryan Rodkey, chief executive officer, announced the appointment of Ridge as senior advisor.

We are excited about Governor Ridge's participation, and he will play a very important role in the further development of TechRadium, Rodkey said. There is no one in the United States today -- I don't think there is any other person in the world -- which has more respect and more knowledge in the area of homeland security than Tom Ridge. We are pleased and honored to have him join us.

## *About TechRadium*

TechRadium's IRIS is a high-speed notification and response service that sends emergency, priority and routine messages electronically. It is widely used in educational institutions from public school systems to university campuses; for utility companies, banks and other businesses; and for governments at federal, state and local levels. (For more information, please visit [www.useiris.com](http://www.useiris.com) .)