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## **HUMAN PERFORMANCE AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT HOT TOPICS AT HOMELAND SECURITY FORUM**

*Harkcon, Inc. President provided expertise as panel moderator at Valencia Economic Development Forum aimed at assisting the government and private industry shape a secure future for the U.S.*

McLEAN, VA – Kevin Harkins, Ph.D., President and CEO of Harkcon, Inc., moderated a panel on human performance and workforce development at the recent “Shaping a Secure Future: A Forum on Homeland Security” forum. The forum was designed to explore the latest available technologies and issues relating to homeland security. The event was held at Valencia College in Orlando, Florida and included speakers from the Department of Homeland Security, the Transportation Security Administration, the Greater Orlando Aviation Authority, as well as representatives from the private sector and academic and governmental institutions.

“It was an honor to partner with Valencia College on this project. The human capital piece often gets neglected at these types of conferences,” said Harkins, “I knew Valencia was up to something special when the "people side" of homeland security was given equal value with other topics.”

“We need to be the best, the very best, at research methodologies protecting our homeland,” said Gaby Hawat, Special Assistant to the President for Strategic Initiatives & Executive Dean for Economic Development at Valencia College. “We need to develop curriculum to provide training to implement those methodologies which is where Valencia’s strength lies, of course, in partnership with business and industry, such as Harkcon.”

In addition to human performance and workforce development, other topics included intelligence and information sharing, cyber security and digital forensics, and cargo security as well as keynote presentations by Governor Rick Scott (FL) and Dr. Mathew Clark, Director, Science and Technology, Department of Homeland Security.

### **About Harkcon, Inc.**

Harkcon, Inc. provides a wide range of comprehensive organizational and workforce performance analysis and customized, innovative solutions in the public and private sectors. Focusing on analysis and solutions that improve worker, workplace and organizational performance, Harkcon specializes in identifying the needs of a workforce and the appropriate organizational, leadership and management interventions required to bring motivation and performance to unprecedented levels.

A veteran-owned small business, founded in 2005 and based in McLean, Virginia, Harkcon has recently received the following recognition: Inc. 500 - Inc. magazine’s list of the fastest growing privately held companies (2010) in the U.S. (#298); DiversityBusiness.com as one of the top veteran owned companies in the nation (2011) (#287); and Fantastic 50 - Virginia Chamber of Commerce and Virginia Business list of fastest growing companies in Virginia (#9) .

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