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Governor Bush Heralds Jacksonville Pilot Program To Help Law Enforcement Better Detect Potential Danger Areas

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JACKSONVILLE-Governor Jeb Bush today thanked the developers of a new proactive law enforcement tool for piloting the program in Jacksonville. The "Protect America" system, which was unveiled today, monitors data from law enforcement sources, links similar information in real time and identifies potential threat areas. The makers of the new system selected Jacksonville as a demonstration site due to the work of local city officials including Mayor John Peyton, Sheriff John Rutherford, Fire Chief Rick Barrett, and IT Florida, a not-for-profit organization that represents Florida's diverse technology community.

"This software application has tremendous potential to improve our security at the local and state level by combining data from various law enforcement agencies," said Governor Bush. "It's a technology that has not been available to law enforcement until now. We're honored Jacksonville was selected as the location to test this product."

Cambridge Executive Enterprises and CellExchange, Inc., the developers of the software, are working with the City of Jacksonville and selected city agencies and organizations to evaluate and pilot a system to horizontally share information across agencies to create a safer community.

Jacksonville is the largest city in the United States in land area, home of a major port, insurance center of the state, site of U.S. Navy bases, and the home of the National Football League's Jacksonville Jaguars. With the upcoming Super Bowl in 2005 and the size and diversity to accurately represent a major U.S. city, Jacksonville is the ideal pilot city for this unique solution.

The software application was developed for use by the Department of Defense and is currently operating in more than 30 military bases in

North America. The pilot program in Jacksonville is the first civilian use of the "Protect America" responder program.

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