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American Public University Partners with BAE Systems' Intelligence & Security Sector and Sun-Maid to Offer Enhanced Online Education Opportunities to Employees

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[American Public University](#) (APU) (NASDAQ: APEI) today announced partnerships with the BAE Systems Information Solutions subsidiary of BAE Systems PLC (LSE: BA.LN), and Sun-Maid Growers of California that will provide affordable online education programs to the companies' respective employees, coupled with employer-paid tuition benefits. The announcement marks the latest strategic alliances established by APU to extend quality educational opportunities to employees of leading corporations and members of professional organizations.

APU has partnered with the Intelligence & Security (I&S) sector of BAE Systems Information Solutions, Inc., to support development and retention efforts for I&S sector employees. The alliance with the world's second-largest global defense contractor reflects the companies' shared philosophies and missions, with a focus on the government sector, according to Michelle Maldonado, director of corporate and strategic relationships for American Public University System.

"The selection of APU was based on our history of educating adult learners in the military and public sectors, along with our affordable tuition, which allows for maximization of annual tuition benefits," said Maldonado. "The flexibility of our online courses was also a major consideration, and the breadth and depth of our programs of interest to I&S employees."

While all of APU's current and future academic programs will be available to I&S employees, it anticipates that many employees may be interested in programs related to their job function - primarily in the areas of information technology, intelligence studies, homeland security, national security studies and business administration.

"We are truly excited by this partnership, as it will help us fulfill our mission of expanding access to affordable, higher education with a special focus on assisting the government sector and federal contractors who provide products and services to the US government," Maldonado added. "When our students and partners succeed, we also succeed in enhancing US competitiveness in the global marketplace."

In related news, APU has partnered with Sun-Maid to offer pre-approved undergraduate and graduate courses of study for Sun-Maid managers and employees. The partnership is designed to help strengthen core business skills which are essential to the company's continued success in the 21st century, according to Sun-Maid President Barry Kriebel.

"We approached American Public University because their offerings are designed to be a flexible, affordable, and convenient educational option for full-time employees," said Kriebel. "They also have a strong track record of success in working with other organizations to assist employees in meeting their professional development goals while balancing work, family and other commitments."

Eligible Sun-Maid employees may participate in the new program and receive financial assistance to pay for all or a portion of the tuition costs from Sun-Maid's employee benefits program. Classes start the first Monday of every month, and are taught in both an eight- and 16-week format.

About American Public University System

American Public University System, winner of the Sloan Consortium's 2009 Ralph E. Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and two-time recipient of Sloan's Effective Practices Award, offers 79 online degree programs through American Public University and American Military University. APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility help more than 83,000 working adults worldwide pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts. For further information on APU, please visit www.apu.apus.edu.

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