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Transportation Security Administration and American Public University Expand Partnership to Provide Career-Relevant Education to Nearly 20,000 TSA Employees at 147 Airports Nationwide

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CHARLES TOWN, W Va., March 28, 2017 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- [American Public University](#) (APU), part of [American Public University System](#) (Nasdaq: APEI), today announced that it has been selected by the Transportation Security Administration's (TSA) Institute of Higher Education (IHE) to provide quality, career-relevant academic programs to up to 20,000 TSA employees at 147 airports nationwide. APU -- one of just two such IHE partners in education, and the only fully-online institution -- was competitively chosen from a total field of 19 colleges and universities nationwide.

Under the expanded agreement, in collaboration with SBG Technology Solutions (SBG), TSA employees will be eligible to enroll in APU programs starting in September 2017, reducing the time needed to earn their TSA Certificate by nearly 40%, from 18 to 11 months. The eight- and 12-week programs include undergraduate learning tracks and certificates in Homeland Security, Intelligence Analysis, Security Management, Transportation and Border Security and Emergency and Disaster Management.

Continuing education courses are available pending approved TSA funding, and students can enroll in subsequent cohorts starting in January and May 2018, with course materials provided at no cost to them.

"We are truly proud and honored to be partners in education with TSA and SBG to expand quality distance learning opportunities for those who do so much to serve and protect our citizens and our nation," said Dr. Chris Reynolds, dean of academic outreach and program development for APUS. "The program provides an optimum, hands-on learning experience for TSA employees by facilitating enhanced exchange of ideas and on-the-job experiences."

About SBG Technology Solutions

SBG Technology Solutions, Inc., an ISO 9001-2015 certified Service Disabled Veteran Owned Small Business, is a provider of IT solutions, program management services, enterprise engineering support,

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American Public University System, recipient of the Online Learning Consortium's (OLC) Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and five-time recipient of OLC's Effective Practice Award, offers more than 200 online degree and certificate programs through American Military University and American Public University. Approximately 70,000 alumni worldwide have benefited from APUS's relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility in pursuing and earning degrees in such areas as business, information technology, and security and global studies. For further information, visit www.apus.edu.

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