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## **New Version of SkyView Risk Assessor for IBM i and i5/OS includes PCI specific considerations and the ability to email reports directly from the IBM i**

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SEATTLE, Wash – April 2, 2008 - SkyView Partners today announced a new version of the popular SkyView Risk Assessor for IBM i and i5/OS product.

“A large percentage of our customer base is dealing with PCI requirements. With this new release of Risk Assessor we’re including PCI ‘considerations’ when we make recommendations on the various security settings,” explains Carol Woodbury, President of SkyView Partners Inc. “As a simple example, one of the many PCI considerations now in the Risk Assessor output discusses the PCI requirement that you ‘assure confidentiality of data’ and explains how this effects your QSECURITY setting. This type of documentation will help auditors better understand the IBM i and system administrators to better explain details to the auditors. All in all this will help save everyone’s time in the risk assessment portion of a security audit.”

SkyView Risk Assessor for IBM i and i5/OS is a diagnostic tool that compares your i5/OS security configuration to ‘security best practices’. Designed by IBM i security expert Carol Woodbury, the product automates the gathering and analysis of essential security configuration information for your IT security assessments. Risk Assessor documents your security configuration, comparing it to security best practices, analyzes and interprets your risks and provides remediation considerations. Risk Assessor gathers security information from more than 100 "risk points" across i5/OS, including 21 different points regarding users on the system, 10 points covering object level authority, 44 points covering system values, 9 points covering exit programs and 25 points of other considerations including adopted authority, authorization lists and more. Once the information is gathered, Risk Assessor provides a comprehensive “Assessment Guide” that tells you WHY an issue it found was raised as a security concern, WHAT things

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you need to consider before making any changes, and HOW you could approach “fixing” the issues that are found.

“The focus on PCI is really going to help our customers and increase the products appeal in the market place. Beyond that we’ve heard from our customers that it would be really nice if reports could be automatically emailed off the system after they were generated. Well we’ve answered that request by incorporating emailing capabilities into this release as well. As we’ve said many times, our goal is to continually improve our products to help our customers cut down the amount of time spent on all the duties that fall under compliance. Performing regular risk assessments is just one of those duties and Risk Assessor is the right tool for that task,” said Carol Woodbury.

General Availability of this new release is set for April 17, 2008.

### **About SkyView Partners**

SkyView Partners, Inc is a security specialty firm working with IBM i (AS/400, iSeries and System i) customers and business partners to architect and implement sound security policies and practices for IBM i (i5/OS). SkyView Partners is lead by Carol Woodbury, former Chief Engineering Manager and Security Architect for the IBM iSeries product line. SkyView Partners is committed to delivering security compliance products and services that provide our customers with sound advice that saves them time and reduces the costs and complexities of attaining and maintaining compliance. To learn more, visit the SkyView Partners website at [www.skyviewpartners.com](http://www.skyviewpartners.com)

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