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## ION NETWORKS ANNOUNCES ION SECURE 2500 SECURITY APPLIANCE

*New solution targeting small branch locations ships to first customers*

PISCATAWAY, N.J. -- December 18, 2002-- ION Networks, Inc. (Nasdaq: IONN), a leading provider of security and management solutions that protect critical information and infrastructure from internal and external security threats, today announced general availability of a new security appliance aimed at organizations wishing to provide advanced infrastructure security for small or remote branch offices.

The ION Secure 2500 is specifically designed to address secure access, authentication, authorization, audit and administration of small branch, multi-vendor network environments by network and vendor support staff. The ION Secure 2500 can also be integrated as part of a company wide, policy based infrastructure security solution.

This new appliance is based on the latest version of ISOS – ION Secure Operating System - used in approximately 50,000 security appliances deployed in service provider, enterprise and government networks throughout the world and is fully compatible with ION Secure PRIISMS - a single sign-on policy management portal.

“Many organizations have multiple locations, each with a variety of computer and network infrastructure devices, such as routers, servers, switches and storage solutions,” said Kam Saifi, ION Networks’ President and Chief Executive Officer. “Infrastructure security is important due to the high number of support personnel who access these devices for administrative purposes and the increasingly interconnected nature of these networks. The ION Secure 2500 is a powerful yet cost-effective solution enabling organizations - with ‘point of sale’ topologies ranging from tens to hundreds of locations - to comply with corporate IT security policies and compliment organizational risk management strategies.”

One of the first ION Secure 2500 customers is Baker Communications, of Des Moines, Iowa, who have purchased the appliance to secure numerous customer sites containing Nortel Meridian and Siemens PBX systems.

“The ION Secure 2500 appliance meets our very high standards for network security and access policies,” said Jeff Drummond, Vice President of Engineering at Baker Communications. “Its ability to secure a wide range of infrastructure devices was a key factor in our selection.”

ION Secure 2500 features include multi-factor authentication, policy based destination routing and real-time session status and termination, allowing security personnel to disconnect and disable users in the event of suspected internal breach activity. The 2500 also supports real-time session sharing to enable an organization’s IT staff to ‘look over the shoulder’ of vendors providing support services.

## **About Baker Communications**

Baker Communications, Inc., specializes in the integration of telephone systems and data networks through industry-leading communications products like Cisco Systems, Nortel Networks and Siemens. Our highly certified, experienced team analyzes a customer's business needs and applies the best technology solution with the highest return on investment.

## **About ION Networks**

ION Networks, Inc. is a leading provider of security and management solutions that protect critical information and infrastructure from internal and external security threats. The ION Secure suite helps customers protect critical infrastructure and maximize operational efficiency while lowering operational costs. ION Networks' customers include AT&T, Bank of America, British Telecom, Citigroup, Entergy, Fortis Bank, Oracle, Qwest, SBC, Sprint and the U.S. Government. Headquartered in Piscataway, New Jersey, the Company has installed tens of thousands of its products worldwide.

More information can be obtained from [www.ion-networks.com](http://www.ion-networks.com).

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