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**Proofpoint Systems announces Tom Sheets as corporate vice president**

**Los Altos, CA** – October 1, 2007 – Proofpoint Systems announced that Tom Sheets has joined the organization. He will serve as a corporate vice president with initial responsibility to expand Proofpoint's federal government practice.

In announcing the occasion, Proofpoint's CEO, Dr. Jim Hill said, "Tom's record of accomplishment speaks for itself – exemplary. Our organization is better because of his presence and I know I will learn a lot from him. This is a great day and significant milestone in our corporate development."

Mr. Sheets, a 26-year Marine Corps veteran and retired colonel, comes to Proofpoint having served most recently as the CEO of DBT Defense, a provider of personal protective equipment.

As an infantry officer, Mr. Sheets commanded every size unit from platoon to regiment, in addition to serving in a number of significant division-level and headquarters staff positions. He retired from the Marine Corps in 1998.

His private sector experience includes serving as the regional vice president of Arizona operations for Sunterra Resorts and later as president for two of that organization's wholly-owned subsidiaries – Sunterra Pacific and RPM Management. In the later role he managed 25 resorts in the United States and the Caribbean. In 2006, Tom joined L-3 Communications Expeditionary Operations Branch as the vice president of strategic concepts. In December of that year, he joined DBT Defense where he led the refinancing of the company and prepared it for transition to a manufacturing company from its distribution history.

Tom holds a BS in political science from Gettysburg College (PA) and masters degrees in public administration and national security strategy.

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