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CyberTECH Mentors Emerging Tech Companies with New Program "Entrepreneur in Residence" to help launch startups, build strategic relationships

SAN DIEGO -- Tech-inspired startups drive many of today's hottest and most innovative products and services, helping to achieve ever-higher and more advanced levels of excellence in cybersecurity, the Internet of Things and emerging technologies such as drones, blockchain, robotics, and 3D printing.

In that spirit, CyberTECH has launched Entrepreneur in Residence (EIR) -- a six-month, low-rent program designed to build strategic relationships between early-stage companies and CyberTECH's growing ecosystem of partners and stakeholders.

"We take great pride in mentoring our growing community of tech-related startups, bringing them together with our more established ventures," said Darin Andersen, CyberTECH's CEO/Founder. "The launch of Entrepreneur in Residence provides newer members with a more structured pathway to flourish in this highly competitive space."

Headquartered in San Diego's Bankers Hill (1185 First Avenue, San Diego, CA 92101), CyberTECH is a global cybersecurity and Internet of Things (IoT) network ecosystem providing cybersecurity and IoT resources, strategic programs and thought-leadership events in San Diego and across the nation.

Officially welcomed to CyberTECH on Thursday, Sept. 15, the first cohort of EIR companies includes:

- 1) <u>SD3D:</u> Automated 3D manufacturing
- 2) <u>Secure Universe:</u> Secured Android OS
- 3) Skylift Global: Heavy-lift vehicles (aka drones)
- 4) <u>Sympathetic Innovations</u>: 3D-printed, counter-IED training devices
- 5) <u>TrueID Security</u>: Biometric security protection
- 6) **<u>Breeze</u>**: Ride-sharing app with fuel-efficient cars

- 7) **Object Security:** Simplified security management
- 8) MiPOV: Wearable Internet of Things "techlace" (in stealth)

About CyberTECH's EIR program:

- The innovative program leverages CyberTECH's "Social Community Incubator Model" as a major element of CyberTECH's Smart & Safe Cities initiative, in partnership with CyberCalifornia.
- CyberTECH EIR startups will work independently with the support of the CyberTECH community. In some cases, EIRs may be embedded directly in departments or with Business Units at CyberTECH's corporate partners to accelerate their business concepts and new technology products and services.
- In addition to being assigned to a Mentorship Team, CyberTECH EIR startups will have access to no- or low-cost office space, along with discounted or low-cost software, highspeed Internet, strategic, legal and marketing professionals and other early stage startup services. Some startups may be offered stipends or scholarships from CyberTECH ecosystem companies.

About CyberTECH:

 CyberTECH is a San Diego-based global cybersecurity and Internet of Things (IoT) network coalition providing cybersecurity and IoT resources, strategic programs and thought leadership events. Membership includes business and financial leaders, academic and research institutions, government and non-profit organizations. In recent months, a total of 12 CyberTECH members have received more than \$50 million in investment funding. Website: cybertechnetwork.org

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