

## Linear Discontinues Some Products, Offers Next Generation

Linear LLC, Carlsbad, Calif., a manufacturer of telephone entry, access control, gate operator and radio control products, announced that its AM/II, AE-1 and AE-2, which have been serving the access control market since 1996, will be discontinued because their key components are no longer available. Linear

reported that it notified its market partners of this change and assured them that Linear will continue to support replacement of the AM/II

and internal components of the AE-1 and AE-2 for approximately seven years, depending upon availability.

For new installations, Linear recommends using its next generation of telephone entry and access control products, the Plus series: AM3Plus, AE1000Plus and AE2000Plus.

Some installers may consider upgrading AM/II-, AE-1- and AE-2-based installations with like Plus products. In such cases, Linear's AccessBase2000 software for the Plus products allows database conversion when all units within the network are upgraded with Plus products.

Linear asked that dealers contact Linear Tech Service or a local sales representative for additional information or visit [www.linearcorp.com](http://www.linearcorp.com).



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## CompTIA Security+ Surpasses 50,000-Certified Milestone

More than 50,000 information technology (IT) professionals around the world have now earned Security+ certification from the Computing Technology Industry Association (CompTIA), a worldwide IT association. The vendor-neutral certification validates knowledge of communication security, infrastructure security, cryptography, and operational and organizational security. There are now CompTIA Security+ certified professionals in 130 countries.

A 2008 CompTIA survey of more than 2,000 IT professionals with responsibility for their organization's security found that a growing number of organizations are requiring security certification such as CompTIA Security+. About one-third of organizations surveyed said they require security certifications for some or

all of their IT staff. That's up from about 25 percent in the prior year's survey.

Organizations across a wide range of industries use CompTIA Security+ as a skills benchmark for staff members responsible for daily technical administration of systems and network security.

An updated version of the CompTIA Security+ certification exam is scheduled for availability during the fourth quarter of 2008.

The complete new objectives for CompTIA Security+ are available at <http://certification.comptia.org/resources/objectives.aspx>.

The current version of the CompTIA Security+ exam remains available worldwide.

For information visit [www.comptia.org](http://www.comptia.org).

## TECH BRIEFS

**SightLogix** now offers a white paper titled "Pre-Emptive Economical Security for Perimeters & Outdoor Areas" aimed at security professionals who need to secure outdoor areas, perimeters or buffer zones. The white paper provides information on how to gain awareness about threats before they become a problem, improve overall physical security posture with pre-emptive detection and tracking, and increase outdoor security performance while lowering operating, installation and maintenance costs. For information visit [www.SightLogix.com](http://www.SightLogix.com).

**Elk Products** launched a new Web site and offers an updated print catalog. The new Web page design splits the site into separate consumer and professional sides. The professional side of the site is the company's traditional Web site with the product specs, manuals, and other information security dealers are used to accessing. The consumer side provides easy-to-understand information about Elk's M1 Control Systems. Elk's 2008-2009 catalog includes product barcodes to allow distributors to provide quick and accurate product information and ordering. For information visit [www.elkproducts.com](http://www.elkproducts.com).

**Codebench** received **Lenel** factory certification for its PIVCheck Product Suite, a cardholder validation solution for HSPD-12 compliance with automated OnGuard registration and certificate management. PIVCheck Plus provides three-factor authentication and performs on-card biometric matching. The product also uses FIPS-201 challenge-response in order to identify forged or cloned cards. Digital certificates may be verified using the issuer's validation authority, OCSP responder or repeater. PIVCheck is available in mobile and desktop versions. For information visit [www.pivcheck.com](http://www.pivcheck.com).