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Marcus Sachs is Verizon's Vice President for National Security Policy with responsibility for directing Verizon policy development and advocacy on issues ranging from critical asset protection to cyber security and emergency preparedness. He works closely with external government and business stakeholders in task forces, working groups, committees, and trade associations as part of the National Security/Emergency Preparedness (NS/EP) community in the Nation's Capital. In January 2011 he was elected to Vice Chair of the Communications Sector Coordinating Council.

Mr. Sachs' professional experience includes a 20 year military career as an officer in the United States Army followed by two years of federal civilian service at the White House and the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. After retiring from the military in 2001, he was appointed by the President to serve concurrently on the staff of the National Security Council as the Director for Communication Infrastructure Protection in the White House Office of Cyberspace Security, and on the staff of the President's Critical Infrastructure Protection Board. The most significant effort undertaken by the Board was the development of the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace, published in February 2003. Mr. Sachs joined the National Cyber Security Division of the US Department of Homeland Security in 2003, where he was responsible for developing the implementation plan for the National Strategy to Secure Cyberspace. While working for DHS, he developed the initial concept and strategy for the creation of the United States Computer Emergency Response Team.

From September 2003 until December 2004, Mr. Sachs was an independent computer security consultant in Washington, D.C. with domestic and international clients. He developed a reputation as a trusted computer security expert by providing executive level education and awareness training, and by leading numerous public awareness campaigns centered on Internet security. He appeared on several domestic and foreign television and radio networks as a computer security expert, and was frequently quoted by the on-line and printed media.

From January 2005 to August 2007, Marcus Sachs led the Washington, D.C. research team of SRI International's Computer Science Laboratory. His group primarily supported the U.S. Department of Homeland Security's Cyber Security Research and Development Center, as well as the operations and analysis center of the U.S. Department of Defense's Cyber Threat Analytics research project.

Mr. Sachs holds a Master of Science in Computer Science with a concentration in Information Security from James Madison University, a Master of Science in Science and Technology Commercialization from the University of Texas at Austin, and a

Bachelor of Civil Engineering from the Georgia Institute of Technology. He is a graduate of the Army's Command and General Staff College, the Army Engineer School, the Army Computer Science School, and the Army's Airborne and Air Assault schools. Mr. Sachs is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in Public Policy from George Mason University.

Mr. Sachs volunteered as the director of the SANS Internet Storm Center from 2003 to 2010 and currently volunteers as the Corporate Evangelist for the Zeroday Emergency Response Team. He serves on the board of directors of the National Cyber Security Alliance, the Information Security Alliance, and DShield, Inc. He is also a member of advisory boards for SAGE Inc., the National Committee on American Foreign Policy, and the Virginia Joint Commission on Technology and Science. He holds an advanced class amateur radio license, is a registered Professional Engineer in the Commonwealth of Virginia, is a member of the local InfraGard, ECTF, and ISSA chapters, and is a life member of the Signal Corps Regimental Association, the Armed Forces Communications and Electronics Association, the Texas Exes, and the Republican National Committee. A native of Tallahassee, Florida, he currently lives in Virginia with his wife Diane.