



**FORMER PENNSYLVANIA GOVERNOR AND HOMELAND SECURITY SECRETARY  
TOM RIDGE ADDRESSES NATIONAL SECURITY IN 2006 AT FORTRESS GLOBAL EVENT**

December 8, 2005, New York, NY - Tom Ridge, former Pennsylvania Governor and Department of Homeland Security Secretary addressed honored business, legal and law enforcement executives at an event hosted and sponsored by investigations and security industry leader, Fortress Global Investigations Corporation.

Mr. Ridge, who spoke on the national security outlook for 2006, advocated how vital it is for federal, state, and local governments and the private sector to come together to better secure the U.S., with improvements such as getting more information to local police officers. "Everyone has a role to play, not just the Federal government, to create a stronger safer country," commented Ridge. He also commended the many public servants and former public servants in the audience for their dedication to safety and security.

"We are honored to have Governor Ridge speak with us tonight," said Robert Seiden, President of Fortress Global Investigations. "With increases in terrorist attacks on western targets, business and public leaders must be prepared to deal with risk of a variety of types as the Governor advised."

Mr. Ridge served as the nation's first-ever secretary of the Department of Homeland Security, overseeing its 180,000 personnel. President Bush established the Office of Homeland Security and the Homeland Security Council, following the tragic events of September 11, 2001. The role of the director of homeland defense was to develop and coordinate a comprehensive national strategy to strengthen protections against terrorist threats or attacks in the United States.

Fortress Global Chairman, Stanley Fischer added, "Our guests are responsible for making decisions that effect the safety and security of their employees, clients and others. As such, they were appreciative to hear the insight of such a highly respected national security authority."

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