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### **American Military University Partners with The Loss Prevention Foundation to Offer Quality Online Degree and Certificate Programs for Loss Prevention Professionals**

**Charles Town, WV, and Mathews, NC, May 10, 2012** – American Military University (AMU) today announced an agreement with The Loss Prevention Foundation (LPF) to offer AMU online degree and certificate programs in support of professional development for loss prevention professionals, LPQualified (LPQ) and LPCertified (LPC) professionals and LPF members.

LPF's two certifications lead the loss prevention industry in name recognition, quality, and career enhancement, according to LPF President Gene Smith. LPQualified was designed for entry-level professionals, while LPCertified covers advanced material for individuals in management.

“Our core mission is to advance the loss prevention profession by providing relevant, convenient and challenging educational resources,” said Smith. “This focus closely aligns with AMU’s similar goal of educating working adults in law enforcement and the military to help them pursue careers in retail loss prevention. We were also drawn to AMU’s reputation for academic quality and track record of success in providing affordable, dynamic online programs across a broad array of other industries.”

LPF members will gain access to AMU’s comprehensive security management, business, retail management and criminal justice programs, among many others. AMU will also review LPF’s certifications for the potential award of undergraduate academic credit to eligible individuals.

“The retail loss prevention and security industry is growing rapidly, and private sector personnel need to ensure they have the skills to keep pace in helping protect our nation’s critical infrastructure and financial stability,” said Jeff Hawkins, AMU manager of strategic initiatives, private security sector. “Continuing professional development is an integral part of this process, and we’re pleased to work with LPF to help educate industry professionals so they can advance their career.”

#### **About AMU**

American Public University System, winner of the Sloan Consortium’s 2009 Ralph E. Gomory Award for Quality Online Education and two-time recipient of Sloan’s Effective Practices Award, offers 87 online degree programs through American Public University and American Military University. APUS’s relevant curriculum, affordability and flexibility help more than 100,000 working adults worldwide pursue degrees in subjects ranging from homeland security to management and liberal arts. For more about APUS programs, including the graduation rates for each program, median debt of students who completed each program, and other important information -- visit [www.APUS.edu/disclosure](http://www.APUS.edu/disclosure). For more general information, visit [www.amu.apus.edu](http://www.amu.apus.edu).

#### **About The Loss Prevention Foundation**

The Loss Prevention Foundation is a not-for-profit organization founded in 2006, by industry leading professionals to serve the loss prevention and asset protection industry. Their mission is to advance the loss prevention profession by providing relevant, convenient and challenging educational resources. LPF is responsible for administering the industry’s two-tiered certification program, the LPQualified (LPQ) and LPCertified (LPC), on-line educational resources and the loss prevention professional membership program. In addition, LPF is focused on driving more talent to the industry from colleges, universities, military and law enforcement through its Academic Retail Partnership Program and its Hire A Vet Program.

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