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*Afilon President Charles Vela to Present at Prestigious
4th Annual NDIA Stability, Security, Transition, and Reconstruction Conference*

GERMANTOWN, Md., May 7, 2012 – Charles Vela, president of Afilon, Inc., will be presenting on June 19th at the 4th Annual National Defense Industry Association’s Stability, Security, Transition, and Reconstruction Conference, which is being held at the Ritz-Carlton Hotel in Pentagon City, Va. Vela will be presenting insights from a collaborative research project examining current Department of Defense Stability Operations. This conference, exploring national defense policies and field practices, is one of the defense industry’s most prestigious events.

"It is an honor to be invited to speak a second time at this conference and present the role of our Stability Operations research in enhancing America’s national security," Vela said.

The panel will be the first opportunity for Vela to publicly discuss some of the insights that have resulted from his recent collaborative research on Stability Operations with COL James E. Saenz, U.S. Army Special Forces and Lt. COL (RET) Lucius Taylor, U.S. Army Special Forces.

This year the conference theme is “Preventive Stabilization: Identifying and Replicating Success.” The conference’s purpose is to advance the dialog on the three D’s: Defense, Diplomacy and Development, in order to produce proven and effective government solutions capable of handling complex contingency operations.

About the panel: “Envisioning the Next Decade”

The four featured presenters on the panel will be examining climate change, natural disasters, trans-national narco-terrorism, fragile and failing states, multiple small-scale wars, high rates of unemployment, population explosions, disease outbreaks, and terrorist attacks on various homelands (e.g. Oslo, Madrid, 9-11). They will discuss if recent events are an indicator of the coming decade. Along with these challenges, can America continue to expect new developments in technology, political climates, and alliances. What new policies and practices, tools and techniques will the government need to develop in order to adapt and manage these issues, including gender-based violence, narco-trafficking, and money laundering.

The panel presenters will be:

- **John Agoglia**, Vice President for Operations and Government Services, IDS International, COL USA (ret.) (Moderator)

- **Alisa Stack**, Principle Deputy Director for the Task Force for Business and Stability Operations (TFBSO), U.S. Department of Defense
- **Charles Vela**, President and Chief Scientist, Afilon, Inc.
- **Bernd “Bear” McConnell**, Director, Interagency Coordination, North American Aerospace Defense Command and United States Northern Command

At a previous 2010 conference, Vela’s presentation was part of a panel discussing “Addressing and Overcoming Challenges to Sovereignty and Stability” that dealt with gangs, violent crime, trafficking, narco-terrorism, insurgency and other threats to U.S. national interests.

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