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UNITED STATES SECRET SERVICE LAUNCHES REDESIGNED WEBSITE AND NEW WEB ADDRESS

WASHINGTON, D.C. – On Wednesday, February 13, 2002, an updated version of the United States Secret Service internet website will debut at a new, easier-to-use web address, <http://www.secretservice.gov>. The website will include several new features that will make interacting with the Secret Service easier for consumers.

“The internet is a valuable resource for people all over the world,” said U.S. Secret Service Director Brian L. Stafford. “We hope that this new website will not only be informative, but a helpful tool to businesses and individuals who need to interact with our agency.”

Among the new features on the website will be information on reporting cybercrimes. Technology and the rapid growth of the Internet have eliminated the traditional borders of financial crimes and have provided new opportunities for those who engage in fraud to threaten the nation's financial systems.

These new technologies have been exploited by an expanding criminal element that conducts a host of sophisticated financial crimes. Individuals, small businesses and corporations who have been the victims of cybercrimes will now be able to contact the Secret Service easily to report the crime.

Individuals interested in applying for a job with the Secret Service will now also be able to do so online. Applications for Special Agent, Uniformed Division Officer or administrative positions will all be accepted by way of the internet.

The site will also include information on the history of the Secret Service, links to reports from the National Threat Assessment Center, and explanations of the agency's investigative and protective missions.

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