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## **se<sup>2</sup> Grabs Global Honor, Besting All Entries Around the Globe in IDG's Computerworld Honors Program;**

### ***se<sup>2</sup>'s 403(b)connect solution named best in its global category***

**Topeka, Kan., June 16, 2009** – se<sup>2</sup>, a leading provider of business process outsourcing services and a division of Security Benefit, was named the winner of prestigious IDG's Computerworld Honors Program 21st Century Achievement Award – a program which acknowledges those individuals and organizations that have used information technology to benefit society.

Earlier this year, se<sup>2</sup> was selected as a Computerworld Honors Program 2009 Laureate for its development of a new software solution, 403(b)connect. The product is available to the entire insurance industry and recognized as one of the few solutions advanced enough to support Retirement Plan Providers, Plan Sponsors, Plan Administrators and Third Party Administrators (TPA).

On June 1, se<sup>2</sup> was selected as the Computerworld Honors award winner in the category of Finance, Insurance and Real Estate, beating all entries around the globe. Recipients of the Program's Leadership, Finalist and 21st Century Achievement Awards were unveiled at the Andrew Mellon Auditorium in Washington, D.C.

“Since 1958, schoolteachers, nurses, doctors, librarians, clergy and other employees of educational institutions and non-profits have been saving for retirement using tax-deferred 403(b) plans,” said se<sup>2</sup> Chief Technical Officer, Brent Littleton. “However, for most of their existence, 403(b) plans had little regulation or oversight. Stories of astronomical fees, inappropriate investments and unreasonable restrictions were common.”

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New IRS regulations effective January 1, 2009, require school districts and other employers in the market to take responsibility for their 403(b) plans. Moreover, every 403(b) account must be linked to a plan. As plan sponsors, the employers must establish plan document rules governing eligibility, contributions, withdrawals, loans, etc., that apply to all plan participants. se<sup>2</sup>'s 403(b)**connect** product does just that.

"Thanks to 403(b)**connect**, investors, providers and administrators can have confidence they are using the most comprehensive and sophisticated software product available in the marketplace," said Littleton. "We are especially proud of all associates who were instrumental in making these innovative advances a reality for our customers and their business needs."

Technology achievements honored by the Computerworld Honors program are preserved and protected in national archives, and in over 350 universities, museums, and research institutions throughout the world. The Computerworld Honors Program is governed by the Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation.

"Each year, the Computerworld Honors Program seeks to recognize organizations, from a variety of sectors, for their ongoing efforts to utilize technology in order to benefit society," said Ron Milton, Chairman of the Board of Trustees for the Computerworld Information Technology Awards Foundation and Executive Vice President of Computerworld. "We are proud to provide a platform to publicly acknowledge these contributions."

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### **About se<sup>2</sup>**

*se<sup>2</sup> provides business technology and processing solutions for the financial services and retirement planning sector. se<sup>2</sup> offers service end-to-end for life and annuity processing with an award-winning, state-of-the-art technology platform and an astute understanding of regulatory compliance issues unique and specific to the financial services industry. se<sup>2</sup>'s life and annuity acumen, coupled with its dedicated processing capabilities, places it in the forefront of the business processing outsourcing (BPO) industry. se<sup>2</sup> is powered by Security Benefit Corporation, a financial services holding company. For more information about se<sup>2</sup>, please visit us at [www.se2.com](http://www.se2.com).*