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**THE SANTA FE GROUP CREATES WORKING GROUPS
TO ADVANCE IDENTITY CRIME “BILL OF RIGHTS”**

Focus on awareness, education, legislative influence and best practices will drive continued effort to protect victims; webinar to disclose trends, issues and need for legislation

April 23, 2009, Santa Fe, NM – Following the April 1 Victims’ Rights Roundtable in Washington, DC, attended by more than 30 federal agencies, financial institutions and other stakeholders including the Federal Trade Commission and the Department of Justice, The Santa Fe Group today announced working groups that will focus on identity crime victims’ issues and a [Webinar](#) to disclose trends and discuss remedies, including whether new legislation is needed to protect victims. The Santa Fe Group is a financial services consulting firm, and The Santa Fe Group Vendor Council is a consortium of leading service providers to the financial services industry.

At the core of this effort is [The Identity Crime Victims Bill of Rights](#), which calls for consistent processes for handling identity crime incidents in addition to amendments to privacy legislation and regulation so victims can more easily access and correct their personal information records. The five basic rights address the need for legislation that enables individual victims of identity theft to access and correct personally identifiable information (PII) records. The Bill of Rights white paper, titled **Victims’ Rights: Fighting Identity Crime on the Front Lines**, is now available at <http://santa-fe-group.com/whitepapers/register.php>. **Victims’ Rights: Fighting Identity Crime on the Front Lines** was published and made available at no cost to encourage feedback from interested parties on the Bill of Rights. The Santa Fe Group is revising the paper incorporating the opinions of those attending the roundtable.

The Santa Fe Group is soliciting participation from diverse organizations to ensure the working groups are inclusive and take into account varying points of view. The three working groups that will focus on identity crime victims’ issues are:

- **Awareness and Education**, to help debunk identity crime myths;
- **Legislative Influence**, to help promote new legislation and rectify the unintended consequences of current laws; and
- **Best Practices**, to identify, develop and promote resources for victims.

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To participate in any of the working groups, contact Robin Slade, <mailto:robin@santa-fe-group.com>.

To further publicize the issues, The Santa Fe Group will host a free Webinar on Wednesday, April 29 at 1pm ET/10am PT to educate people about trends in identity crime, the victim experience, and the need for national legislation. Register at <http://bit.ly/6YiB2>

“The meetings in Washington, DC further validated the need for establishing legislation that will assist victims of identity crime,” said Rick Kam, president of ID Experts who led the drafting of the Bill of Rights. “While there is still much work to be done, the need for legislation is intensified given the rise in crime due to current economic conditions. Victims need help and we will work diligently to drive this effort forward.”

The Santa Fe Group will host a second Victims’ Rights roundtable in Washington, DC in June, followed by meetings with legislators to continue its advocacy for the Bill of Rights.

“The April 1 Roundtable brought together diverse leaders from a range of organizations — government agencies, financial institutions, industry associations and service providers that handle customer data — to talk about victims’ rights,” said Catherine A. Allen, Chairman and CEO of The Santa Fe Group. “It’s encouraging to see that all of these groups want to work to empower victims and make identity crime recovery less burdensome for them.”

About The Santa Fe Group

The Santa Fe Group (santa-fe-group.com) is a strategic consulting company providing unparalleled expertise to leading financial institutions and other critical infrastructure companies. Drawing from the most advanced thinking in the industry, access to experts in risk management, technology, security, innovation and other critical areas, and our deep knowledge of industry regulatory and legislative issues, we bring outstanding results to our clients. The Santa Fe Group is a strategic partner to BITS (bits.org), a nonprofit consortium whose members are 100 of the nation’s largest financial institutions.

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