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To John Donovan — for developing a valuable counter-terrorism tool for all U.S. military services. Donovan, a retired Massachusetts Institute of Technology professor and chairman emeritus of CellExchange Federal Inc., responded to a personal appeal from Gen. Richard Myers, chairman of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, to shepherd a program aimed at giving U.S. forces a new tool in the fight against terrorism. Reporting directly to Myers, and working without financial compensation, Donovan used off-the-shelf technologies to develop — in just three months — a prototype of what now is known as the Joint Protection

Enterprise Network (JPEN) system. By June, JPEN was operational. The system is used by service members guarding military sites to immediately alert guards at other locations of suspicious activity. The alerts can go out through computer messages or to cell phones, pagers and digital assistants. Thirty military sites in the greater Washington, D.C., area already are tied into the network, as are installations at other sites. The estimated cost of connecting all installations throughout the Northern Command area of responsibility is \$20 million. Not surprisingly, European and Central commands are interested in learning more about JPEN.