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**Albany, New York-based TurnKey Internet, on the virtual front lines of the crisis in Iran, helps Iranian citizens connect to government-filtered websites.**

**Albany, NY, July 8, 2009** – Austin Heap, the San Francisco IT consultant responsible for building a proxy network for circumventing government filters, has chosen TurnKey Internet for rerouting Iranians on the web.

Events of the past few weeks have highlighted the critical role of civic technology in the fight against tyranny. As the Iranian government blocks its citizens from accessing social networking sites like Twitter and Facebook as well as other communication tools like mobile phone service, Iranian citizens have fought back with the help of people like Austin Heap and his proxy servers.

Heap's proxy network has allowed the Iranian people to organize protests, report on brutality to an international audience and garner support for their efforts worldwide.

**“My website has been attacked by Iran. My servers are melting. But protesters are still using technology to mobilize.”**

Far from being deterred by these attacks, Heap is now working on developing a software program for Windows, Mac and Unix systems called Haystack, a program that will “specifically target the Iranian government's web filtering mechanisms.” In order to implement this program, Heap needs high-capacity Internet servers.

**“I'm not new to this web hosting game, and after hours of research comparing speeds and hardware requirements, TurnKey Internet had the best value for the price.”**

“TurnKey Internet is pleased to play a role in Austin Heap's work,” said Adam Wills, President of TurnKey Internet. “We take great pride in helping businesses and entrepreneurs leverage the technology of the Internet. Austin Heap's work really highlights the power the Internet has to extend communication channels across the globe.”

**About TurnKey Internet**

TurnKey Internet, Inc. is a leading provider of managed web hosting solutions for small and medium-sized businesses. Based in Albany, New York, TurnKey Internet, Inc. provides enterprise-class services to customers in over 30 countries via its New York data center. TurnKey Internet, Inc. is a member of the Better Business Bureau of Upstate New York and was awarded an A+ rating in January, 2009.

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