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IntriCon Supports Recommendations of National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to Improve Hearing Health Care Access and Affordability

Report Aligns with Company's Lower-Cost Hearing Health Initiatives

ARDEN HILLS, Minn.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- **IntriCon Corporation (NASDAQ:IIN)**, a designer, developer, manufacturer and distributor of miniature and micro-miniature body-worn devices, today said that it supports the key change [recommendations](#) recently issued by the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to improve hearing health access and affordability for consumers.

On June 2, 2016, the group published its [Hearing Health Care for Adults: Priorities for Improving Access and Affordability](#) report—which studied hearing health care for adults in the United States. Using a set of guiding principles to help shape its work, the committee recommends key institutional, technological, and regulatory changes that would enable consumers to find and fully use the appropriate, affordable and high-quality services, technologies and support they need.

"Untreated hearing loss in the United States is a substantial national problem. High device costs and inadequate innovation in distribution channels are creating significant barriers to access for most Americans," said Mark Gorder, president and chief executive officer of IntriCon. "The National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine's report is the latest call for action demanding fundamental change in the delivery of hearing health."

Gorder indicated that in October 2015 the President's Council of Advisors on Science & Technology, or PCAST, [addressed](#) the low hearing health market penetration levels IntriCon has long pointed out. Moreover, in April 2016, the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, or FDA, hosted a public workshop to gather stakeholder and public input on draft guidance related to the agency's premarket requirements for hearing aids and PSAPs. The FDA's intent is to consider ways in which regulation can support further device penetration into the hearing market.

Said Gorder, "All of these pivotal events point to a groundswell for fundamental change. They highlight the need for an outcomes-based hearing healthcare model in which the best value-added devices and software technology are combined with varying levels of practitioner intervention, to provide the most efficient, lowest cost solution, to consumers across the country."

"As a company, we are aligned with the collective efforts of PCAST, the FDA and now the National Academies of Sciences, Engineering and Medicine to overcome barriers to device access and spur development and innovation in cost-effective technology. We believe these factors create the need for the outcomes-based hearing health delivery model we've advocated. Our value hearing health strategy focuses on this need, as we continue to build the infrastructure to secure other notable partners who can help drive this delivery model," concluded Gorder.

About IntriCon Corporation

Headquartered in Arden Hills, Minn., IntriCon Corporation designs, develops, manufactures and distributes miniature and micro-miniature body-worn devices. The company is focused on three key markets: medical, hearing health, and professional audio communications. IntriCon has facilities in the United States, Asia and Europe. The company's common stock trades under the symbol "IIN" on the NASDAQ Global Market. For more information about IntriCon, visit www.intricon.com.

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