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## **Vidient Systems Raises \$12 Million Series B Funding To Accelerate Market Expansion of Its Intelligent Video Software**

**Canaan Partners Leads New Round  
That Underscores Vidient's Growing Momentum**

**SUNNYVALE, Calif., October 18, 2005** – Vidient Systems, a developer of behavior recognition software that makes video surveillance cameras (CCTV) more accurate and cost-effective, announced today that it closed a new round of venture funding totaling \$12 million. Proceeds will be used to accelerate the company's market expansion, including new channel market initiatives in the U.S. and abroad, as well as for next-generation product development.

New investor Canaan Partners led this Series B round with initial investors Blueprint Ventures, Trident Capital and Hotung Venture Capital also participating. The company also announced that Skip Glass, a venture partner with Canaan Partners, has been appointed to a newly created position on the Vidient board of directors. George Hoyem, a general partner with Blueprint Ventures, remains chairman of the board.

"This new funding further validates our strategy and growing leadership position in the market for intelligent video surveillance software," said Brooks McChesney, the founder and CEO of Vidient Systems. "We have a vision of driving this market beyond its traditional use of video for forensic purposes to a day when it helps neutralize and even prevent catastrophic security breaches. This new funding will accelerate our efforts in achieving that goal."

Vidient recently announced that its SmartCatch 2.5 software was selected as part of an innovative new security solution under development at Florida's Tallahassee Regional Airport. Other airports using Vidient's proven technology are San Francisco International, San Diego International and Salt Lake City International. Two of the security projects were funded in part by the Transportation Security Administration.

"Vidient is on fire. The company's unique technology is securing airports, military sites, shipping ports, and high-security buildings more effectively and intelligently than ever before; I saw for myself the SmartCatch technology at work as it detected a live security breach at an

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international airport and alerted the proper airport security authorities in real-time,” said Skip Glass of Canaan Partners. “I believe Vidient is the most promising, fastest-growing company today in the red-hot area of real-time video surveillance, as evidenced by multiple prestigious awards and high profile customers, and I am eager to help catalyze its growth.”

George Hoyem, a managing director of Blueprint Ventures, chairman of Vidient, and one of the company’s initial investors, said, “The addition of a new top-tier investor like Canaan Partners clearly illustrates the strong differentiation of Vidient SmartCatch and how well the company is positioned to dominate the real-time video surveillance market. The company is in the right place at the right time to help cost-effectively secure transportation, corporate and government facilities worldwide.”

**About Vidient Systems Inc.**

Vidient Systems, Inc. designs, develops and deploys behavior recognition software systems that enable highly efficient, accurate and cost-effective video surveillance networks used to monitor secure locations at major transportation facilities, corporations and public institutions. The Sunnyvale, Calif.-based company was founded in 2003 and is funded by leading global venture investors Blueprint Ventures, Trident Capital and Hotung Venture Capital. For more information visit [www.vidient.com](http://www.vidient.com).

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