



## the digital wireless evolution

### Netxar provides network security to combat wireless intruders

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Although the migration to wireless has been revolutionary for businesses in Puerto Rico, with freedom comes responsibility.

Netxar Technologies Inc, a Puerto Rico company whose focus is network security and emerging technologies, has witnessed the impact of new wireless technologies on business. "Businesses moving quickly toward emerging technologies like wireless are thinking competitively and strategically," says Frank Santiago, president of Netxar. "What decision makers need to keep in mind is that easier access for associates means easier access for the general public. If your business transactions are floating in the open air, you had better be thinking about security."

Oliver Atoa, Netxar's vice president of information security, says, "The most common standard everyone uses for wireless networks, WiFi, is on the same frequency used for home wireless phones. Just as your home phone may pick up conversations from your neighbor's phone, someone could easily intercept your wireless data communication."

be a critical ingredient in building a solid wireless network and recommends encryption and strong authentication mechanisms. He warns, "Firewalls, VPNs (Virtual Private Networks),

and strong authentication technologies must be an integral part of your wireless network. If you don't have these elements, you might be vulnerable." ■

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