Jim Ryan named CEO as Harp Cyber security exits stealth mode, scales quickly to defend small business from Ai attacks

Serial entrepreneur Jim Ryan named CEO as harp cyber security exit stealth, bringing enterprise grade, transparent pricing to small businesses being targeted

FT. LAUDERDALE, FL, UNITED STATES, September 16, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Harp Cybersecurity LLC today announced the company's official launch out of stealth mode, introducing a small business cybersecurity platform purpose-built for small and mid-sized businesses (SMBs). Jim Ryan, the company's founder, will serve as Chief Executive Officer, marking the sixth company he has founded or led as chief executive.

> Every business deserves enterprise grade cyber security protection, harp is purpose-built to empower small business from being crippled by Ai hackers . Up and secure in minutes not meetings!”
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> *CEO JIm Ryan*

Ryan's move to HARP follows his recent transition from Chief Executive Officer to Chairman of OutPLEX, the multinational outsourcing and business process outsourcing (BPO) firm he founded and built into a global operation. His executive background also includes senior leadership roles at AT&T and work leading PCI DSS and SOC 2 compliance programs for Fortune 1000 clients, along with active venture capital investing and board service across for-profit and nonprofit organizations.

“Every company I've built has started with a gap I couldn't ignore,” said Ryan. “Small and mid-sized businesses have been priced out of real cybersecurity protection for years, and now they're being targeted faster than ever as attackers use AI to scale their operations. HARP exists to close that gap with enterprise-grade protection these businesses can actually afford and actually understand.”

Small Business Cybersecurity: An Underserved Market Facing AI-Driven Threats
Cybersecurity vendors have historically built their pricing and packaging around large enterprises, leaving small and mid-sized businesses to choose between coverage they cannot afford and gaps they cannot survive. Recent data underscores the scale of the problem: 81% of SMBs have experienced a breach in the past 12 months, with average breach costs ranging from

$120,000 to more than $254,000. Roughly 60% of SMBs that suffer a breach close within six months, and 95% of breaches trace back to human error.


CEO Jim Ryan

The rise of AI-enabled attack tools has intensified the threat to small businesses specifically. Automated phishing, credential-stuffing, and social-engineering campaigns that once required significant time and expertise can now be generated and deployed at scale in minutes, allowing attackers to target far more small businesses simultaneously. For an SMB without dedicated security staff, a single successful attack can mean days or weeks of downtime, and for many, an outage of that length is enough to end the business entirely.

HARP's Approach to Small Business Cybersecurity: Enterprise Protection, Transparent Pricing

HARP delivers managed detection and response, identity threat detection and response, managed SIEM, and 24/7 security operations center (SOC) support through a subscription, SaaS-based model built specifically around SMB budgets and operating realities. Pricing is fully published and transparent, with no mandatory annual commitment. Customers can start on a month-to-month basis or select an annual plan at a discount, and can switch between billing options at any time. Full pricing details are available at harpcyber.com.

HARP's coverage also meets the security requirements many cyber insurance policies now require to qualify, giving SMBs a path to both stronger protection and more favorable insurance terms.

“We built HARP around a simple idea: enterprise-grade security shouldn't require an enterprise budget or a sales negotiation to access it,” Ryan said. “Our pricing is public, our onboarding is self-service, a business is secure in minutes not meeting. That transparency is what businesses are asking for and the gap that Harp now fulfills.”

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