



## Universal Safety Response Wins Homeland Security Award for Best Crash Barriers

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### USR's GRAB(R) Wins First Ever Government Security News Award

FRANKLIN, Tenn., Nov. 3 /PRNewswire-FirstCall/ -- Universal Safety Response (USR), a Smith & Wesson Company, (Nasdaq: SWHC) and a leader in perimeter security systems, announced today that it has won the first Government Security News (GSN) Homeland Security Award for Best Crash Barriers (Gates, Fences, Bollards, Guard Booths, Blast Resistant Products). The award was based upon USR's GRAB® (Ground Retractable Automobile Barrier) system and was presented in New York City, the location of the first installation of the GRAB® barrier system.

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Judging in the category was based on a combination of factors including: A demonstrable increase in customer organization security; technological innovation and/or improvement; the ability to fill a recognized government physical security need; cost reduction; and efficiency improvement.

USR President, Matthew A. Gelfand, said, "It is a special honor to accept this award, which acknowledges our GRAB barrier among the highly regarded community of government security professionals. We are especially proud that the innovation of our GRAB barrier has made it so frequently selected for applications at a number of government facilities. On behalf of the entire USR organization, we look forward to providing the advantages of our GRAB barrier to a growing number of government and corporate customers."

The GRAB® is an innovative, reduced-risk barrier system designed to keep facility perimeters safe, while helping to protect resources and lives. The GRAB® has been installed at over 350 governmental and commercial business sites through the United States and Canada, and is the only energy absorbing, FHWA, ASTM M50 and DOS K12 certified, non-hydraulic barrier available today. The GRAB® system's performance has been recognized by numerous Force Protection Officers, Anti-Terrorism Officers, and Installation Commanders, as a superior solution for their Access Control Point active vehicle barrier requirements. USR's performance during installation has earned the company two recent Certificates of Appreciation. In addition to the GSN Award, USR has also earned multiple awards for innovative products and superior customer service in 2009, including the ASIS Accolades Award; the American Business Awards' Stevie Award for Innovation; and the Inc. 500 Award.

#### *About USR*

Based in Franklin, Tenn., USR is a full-service perimeter security integrator, barrier manufacturer and installer. As a Smith & Wesson Company, USR provides a complete range of products and services tailored to each client's unique specifications. USR is proud to incorporate its core values of customer service, integrity, innovation and quality into every project. Founded in 1994, USR is the original creator of GRAB®, the world's fastest growing barrier technology. USR serves a variety of clients in the defense, transportation and petrol-chemical industries, as well as corporate facilities, airports, Fortune 500 companies, national laboratories and museums. To learn more about USR's services and products, call (615) 224-0400 or visit [www.usrgrab.com](http://www.usrgrab.com). For more information on Smith & Wesson, call (800) 331-0852 or log on to [www.smith-wesson.com](http://www.smith-wesson.com).

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