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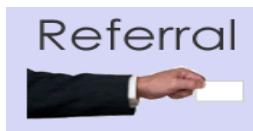
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Iowa Solutions is looking to add a couple new clients and we'd like to ask you for a referral or some guidance on who we should talk to. Who do you know that could benefit from the services we offer at Iowa Solutions? Do you know of an organization looking for a good technology company? Send a quick email to [Support@IowaSolutions.com](mailto:Support@IowaSolutions.com) and we'll contact them right away!

### In the News

**The holiday shopping season is upon us...** It appears that retailers such as Best Buy are betting on every American owning a flat-panel television. On a recent Best Buy trip I was shocked to see the standard TV set sold for 40+ years is nowhere to be found. Along with new TV's; MP3 players and the latest cell phones are topping shopping lists. Personally I'd like to thank Apple; for their impact on the technology market with the IPOD, IPHONE, and the IMAC. They are almost making it cool to be a tech geek!

### Technology Spotlight

The laptop was for the busy executive, but with significant price drops there will be many more purchased this holiday season. They are now a common item in the workplace and in the home. With Wi-Fi spots becoming more common; laptops are seen being used almost everywhere and need secured:

#### **Recommended changes to your software:**

- Change Default Admin password (make it longer and more complex).
- Enable your firewall.
- Turn off your Wireless Card during periods of non-use.
- Disable "Auto-Connect to Open Wi-Fi Networks". (if applicable)

#### **Locks & Encryption:**

Although there are cable locks, beaconing software, and lock boxes on the market for anti-theft prevention; they don't exactly fit into everyone's daily lives. Do you really want to shut down and lock up your laptop to get another caramel latte? With that in mind, there is alternative software which encrypts all the data on the laptop. A simple password upon starting up the system and all data is secure (even if someone took the hard drive out of your computer and placed it in another - the encryption stays in place).

Windows XP Pro. had encryption (EFS) but with minimum coverage and was easily manipulated, so it had a low installed base. Improved Windows Vista has BitLocker; but it is only available on the Enterprise and Ultimate editions. So for businesses and individuals with personal or business information on their laptops we recommend purchasing a third party drive-encryption software.

### Tips & Tricks

There is help out there for us gift-giving challenged people; a visit to Amazon's Gift Central is the year round answer. A clean, easy to use interface that prepares you to select great gifts for your friends and family members. Check it out today at [www.amazon.com/gp/gift-central](http://www.amazon.com/gp/gift-central) and use the following items:

- **Gift Guides** -so you can select by age, gender, price favorite activities of the recipient and more to select the perfect gift.
- **Gift Organizer** - keep track of what you purchased previously

Don't forget if you have a student to purchase for this holiday season to visit [www.TheLaptopCompany.com](http://www.TheLaptopCompany.com) for the best warranty and no hassle computing.

**Hope everyone had a relaxing and safe Thanksgiving!**