DENVER, September 15, 2010 – The Honorable Newt Gingrich will discuss U.S. counterterrorism policy at 7:00 p.m. on September 30 at the Ellie Caulkins Opera House at the Denver Center for the Performing Arts, 950 13th Street, in an event entitled, Why the U.S. Must Defeat Terrorism in the Next Decade. Editor of the Denver Post, Greg Moore, will moderate the discussion. This event is part of an ongoing speaker series presented by Denver's Counterterrorism Education Learning Lab (The CELL).

Prior to the 7:00 p.m. event, Gingrich will answer press questions at a news conference held from 5:00-5:15 p.m. in the Denver Art Museum's Schlessman Hall.

Gingrich asserts that America continues to grow more vulnerable to terrorist attacks, “Every year that we fail to win [our fight against terrorists], the dangers of a nuclear, chemical or biological weapon attack becomes greater." He explains further, "Terrorists have a learning curve. ... Our opponents are constantly evolving... Our risks are growing greater, not smaller."

Greg Moore will pose challenging questions to Speaker Gingrich concerning his thoughts on U.S. counterterrorism efforts - both here and abroad, homegrown terrorist threats, as well as U.S. policies towards Afghanistan, Iran and North Korea.

“We are pleased to have Speaker Gingrich share his views on these critical concerns at our upcoming event. As part of our ongoing speaker series hosting experts and political leaders from across the political spectrum, The CELL is committed to addressing the threat of terrorism by facilitating an open dialogue regarding these difficult issues,” said Melanie Pearlman, Executive Director of The CELL.

This event is open to the public. Tickets are $10 and can be purchased online at www.thecell.org or by calling 303-844-4000, ext. 4. Business attire is suggested.

Sponsors of this special event include The Denver Post, KeyBank, DISH Network LLC, The Laura and David Merage Foundation, AIMCO, Platte River Ventures, Anna & John J. Sie Family Foundation, Julie & Brent Morse, The Young President’s Organization, The Thirty Group, The Gallagher Family Foundation and The University of Denver, Special Community Programs.

ABOUT NEWT GINGRICH
Gingrich served as the Speaker of the United States House of Representatives from 1995 to 1999. He currently serves as a Member of the Defense Policy Board and the Terrorism Task Force for the Council on Foreign Relations. For Gingrich’s full bio, please visit http://www.newt.org/team/newt-gingrich-biography.

ABOUT THE CELL
The CELL is a nonprofit, nonpartisan institution, whose mission is to empower citizens to help combat the threat of terrorism. Through its renowned exhibit, Anyone, Anytime, Anywhere: Understanding the Threat of Terrorism, along with educational programming, and its notable speakers series, The CELL seeks to promote personal and community activism in order to help shape a better, safer, world. For more information, go to www.thecell.org.