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## **ET Is Coming To Northern Ontario!!**

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*Thunder Bay* – Contact North/*Contact Nord*, Northern Ontario's Distance Education & Training Network, is pleased to announce that it will be hosting the next session of its popular Emerging Technologies Conference Series in Thunder Bay.

Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-conference will be held at the Valhalla Inn on February 26 and 27, 2003, with a Participants' Reception on the evening of February 25. The conference will focus on four key streams: e-learning, e-government, e-health and e-commerce and will feature a series of keynote speakers, presentations and interactive workshops focused on these four streams.

Contact North/*Contact Nord* is pleased to welcome the Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation as its government partner and TBayTel as its corporate partner in hosting this event.

Emerging Technologies 2003 will be the third instalment of this popular series launched in 2000 by Contact North/*Contact Nord*. Emerging Technologies 2001 was held in Sudbury in February of 2001 with a Thunder Bay event in October of 2001.

"I encourage representatives from all sectors to attend this one-of-its-kind conference and discover how to make best use of new technologies", stated Mayor Ken Boshcoff, Mayor of Thunder Bay.

"This Conference is an excellent opportunity for both the public and private sectors to gather in Thunder Bay and discover the latest trends in technology and learn how we can apply them in our individual organizations. This is also an excellent opportunity for Northerners to network with one another, learn about the innovative projects that are taking place across Northern Ontario and share our experiences", said Richard Schutte, Acting General Manager of TBayTel.

“Contact North/*Contact Nord* is delighted to be hosting this important conference in Thunder Bay and we salute our exceptional partners, Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation, and TBayTel, for their tremendous support of this initiative. The business, education, health care and government sectors will not want to miss the outstanding line-up of speakers and presenters that we will be presenting”, said Maxim Jean-Louis, President & Chief Executive Officer of Contact North/*Contact Nord*.

Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-conference is a must attend event for the education, health care, government and business sectors in Northern Ontario.

More information about the conference can be found online at [www.emergingtechnologiesseries.com](http://www.emergingtechnologiesseries.com) or by contacting Jackie Lajeunesse, Conference Coordinator, at (807) 345-1023, (705) 525-7260 or via e-mail at [jackie@mail.cnorth.edu.on.ca](mailto:jackie@mail.cnorth.edu.on.ca).

***As Northern Ontario’s Distance Education & Training Network established, governed and administered by Northerners, Contact North/Contact Nord’s mission is to increase and improve affordable and equitable access to quality education and training for Northern Ontario residents, to support regional and community economic development and to promote a culture of lifelong learning.***

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