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EMERGING TECHNOLOGIES 2003: THE e-CONFERENCE – NORTHERN ONTARIO'S PREMIERE TECHNOLOGY EVENT COMING TO THUNDER BAY ON WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 AND THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Thunder Bay – Over the course of this 2-day conference, participants will discover the latest developments and trends in e-health, e-learning, e-government, and e-commerce.

The 'e' holds enormous potential to expand and enhance access to a variety of services in the public sector and to open new markets and drive new sales for private sector companies.

Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-conference is presented by Contact North/*Contact Nord*, Northern Ontario's Distance Education & Training Network, in partnership with the Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation, and with TBayTel.

Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-conference is a must for anyone working in education, health, business, government, and community work.

Participants will hear from experts on technology, education, business, and health:

- Mr. Phil Baker, President & CEO, The Optical Regional Advanced Network of Ontario
- Mr. John Barch, Network Planning engineer, TBayTel
- Mr. Dan Beaudry, Director of Information Technology, Thunder Bay Regional Hospital
- Mr. Jim Bottomley, Partner, The Berken Group
- Dr. Ed Brown, Director, NORTH Network

- Mr. Phill Comrie, General Manager, TBayTel
- Mr. Michael Decter, Chair, Canadian Institute for Health Information
- Mr. Sasha Frljanic, .NET Architect, Microsoft Canada Co.
- Mr. Andrew Garfinkle, Senior Account Manager, ADCOM Videoconferencing
- Mr. Chris Hanley, Manager of Information Technology, Thunder Bay Catholic District School Board
- Ms. Claudia Iannelli, Project Officer, Office of Learning Technologies
- Mr. Dick Ko, Manager, Program Partnerships
- Mr. Francis Loughheed, President, Loughheed and Associates
- Mr. Sam Marafioti, Vice-President of eHealth and Chief Technology Officer, Sunnybrook and Women's College, Health Sciences Centre
- Mr. Ken McDonald, President & CEO, Collaborative Learning Network
- Dr. Bill Muirhead, Director, Learning Technologies, University of Ontario, Institute of Technology and Durham College
- Dr. Sarah Muttitt, Director & Senior Telehealth Consultant, Tecknowledge Professional Services
- Mr. Dick Patterson, President, ZR Consulting
- Mr. Andrew Smith, President & CEO, The Electronic Commerce Council of Canada
- Dr. Roger Strasser, Founding Dean, Northern Ontario Medical School

Top policymakers and government leaders will also share their ideas on innovation and the future of Northern Ontario, Ontario, and Canada:

- Mr. Mike Belliveau, Technology Officer, FedNor/Industry Canada
- Mayor Ken Boshcoff, City of Thunder Bay
- Mr. Jacques Dubé, Deputy Ministry, Business New Brunswick
- Dr. Catherine Henderson, Chief Information Officer, Community Services I&IT Cluster, Government of Ontario
- Ms. Joan McCalla, Chief Corporate Strategist, Office of the Corporate Chief Information Officer, Government of Ontario
- Dr. Tim McTiernan, Assistant Deputy Minister, Science and Technology Division
- Mr. Carl Siebel, Telecommunications Officer, FedNor/Industry Canada
- Mr. Jim Stirling, Senior Program Advisor, Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation
- Honourable Jim Wilson, Minister of Northern Development and Mines

The conference's list of sponsors include ADCOM Videoconferencing, Bell Canada, The Chronicle-Journal, Confederation College, DUOCOM, FedNor, MicroAge, Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, ORION, Office of Learning Technologies, Ontario Knowledge Network for Learning, Lakehead University, Office of the Corporate Chief Information Officer, Shaw Cable Systems, Tandex Technologies Inc., Thunder Bay Travel, and the Valhalla Inn.

Throughout the conference, participants will have an opportunity to view leading-edge technologies from various organizations and businesses from across Canada, such as ADCOM Videoconferencing, Bell Canada, DUOCOM, FedNor/Industry Canada, the

Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation / Management Board Secretariat, the Ministry of Natural Resources (Geosmart), the Ontario Research and Innovation Optical Network (ORION), Shaw Cablesystems, TBayTel, Telecom Engineering, Wardrop and WiBand Communications.

In October 2001, our Emerging Technologies Conference Series 2001 held in Thunder Bay was a sold-out event. Don't miss the opportunity to be a part of **Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-conference** being held at the Valhalla Inn, Thunder Bay, Ontario, on Wednesday, February 26 and Thursday, February 27. For registrations and other conference details, please contact Jackie Lajeunesse at (807) 345-1023 or by e-mail at jackie@mail.cnorth.edu.on.ca.

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