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Minister Jim Wilson to Officially Open Northern Ontario's Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-Conference

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Thunder Bay & Sudbury - Contact North/*Contact Nord*, Northern Ontario's Distance Education & Training Network, is pleased to announce that the Honourable Jim Wilson, Ontario's Minister of Northern Development and Mines and Chair of the Northern Ontario Heritage Fund Corporation, will officially open its Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-conference in Thunder Bay.

Minister Wilson will join hundreds of participants from the education, health, business and government sectors at the Valhalla Inn on Wednesday February 26, 2003, at 8:30 a.m. to officially open the third event in Contact North/*Contact Nord's* Emerging Technologies Series.

The Minister will set the context for two days of inspiring keynotes, interactive workshops, and leading edge technology showcases on the challenges and opportunities in e-commerce, e-health, e-learning and e-government.

"I am delighted to be able to join Contact North/*Contact Nord*, and its partners the Government of Ontario and TBayTel, in Thunder Bay to officially open this third technology conference in the highly successful Emerging Technologies Series", said Minister Wilson. "I am also looking forward to updating the participants on a number of exciting initiatives that the Ernie Eves Government has undertaken and is planning in the information technology and telecommunications fields in Northern Ontario."

"We are extremely pleased that Minister Wilson has accepted our invitation to join us at the Conference", stated Maxim Jean-Louis, President and Chief Executive Officer of Contact North/*Contact Nord*. "Information technology is a critical building block in Northern Ontario's economic development. There are many exciting initiatives taking place in information technology throughout the North."

Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-conference will take place on February 25, 26 and 27, 2003, at the Valhalla Inn in Thunder Bay. This is the third event in Contact North/*Contact*

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Nord's Emerging Technologies Series.

This conference will focus on the 'e' and will feature a number keynote presentations, interactive workshops and leading-edge technology showcases in the areas of e-health, e-government, e-learning and e-commerce.

Emerging Technologies 2003: The e-conference is presented by Contact North/*Contact Nord* in partnership with the Ontario Ministry of Enterprise, Opportunity and Innovation and TBayTel.

Full conference details can be found online at www.emergingtechnologiesseries.com.

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