



Information Technology Association of Wisconsin (ITAWi) Announces CEO Departure

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Madison, WI – February 9, 2007 - The Information Technology Association of Wisconsin (ITAWi) today announced that Jim Rice, President and CEO, will leave the organization following an agreed-upon transition period. William C. Mortimore, Chairman, will oversee his responsibilities until a replacement is found. ITAWi's Board has commenced a search for a new President and CEO.

Rice has served as ITAWi President and CEO since January 2006, and under his leadership he established a firm foundation in the areas of membership growth, workforce development initiatives, legislative advocacy and CIO peering networks. He will remain on the ITAWi Board of Directors.

"I have very much enjoyed serving the IT sector in Wisconsin and look forward to its continue success as I head back to the telecommunications sector to focus on next generation broadband access network opportunities," Rice said. "ITAWi's strength lies in its growing membership of 70+ companies and major sponsors such as Manpower, Metavante and Robert W. Baird who collectively have placed ITAWi on a solid footing to make a difference in 2007 and beyond."

"Jim guided ITAWi during its critical formative period, creating strong growth and initiating its valued programming and member initiatives," said William C. Mortimore, chairman of ITAWi. "His strong leadership and experience guiding ITAWi, and above all, his values will have a lasting impact on ITAWi and our members. I am grateful for what Jim has done for ITAWi and support him in this decision. He leaves behind a solid legacy of leadership and success."

About ITAWi (www.itawi.org)

The Information Technology Association of Wisconsin (ITAWi) was launched in June 2005. The Association is working to foster growth and the competitive strength of the Wisconsin IT sector in a marketplace increasingly international in scope, via a coordinated forum of the State's IT executives, innovators, and entrepreneurs.

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