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***Accelerate Madison Announces June 22 Event:  
"State of the IT Sector in Wisconsin"  
Jim Rice, CEO of the Information Technology Association of Wisconsin (ITAWi) to be  
featured speaker.***

Accelerate Madison announces that Jim Rice, CEO of the Information Technology Association of Wisconsin (ITAWi), will be the featured speaker at its June networking and educational event being held on Thursday evening, June 22, 2006, at the Fluno Center in Madison. Mr. Rice will present of review of the state of the Information Technology sector in Wisconsin, and will discuss ITAWi's plans for the upcoming fiscal year which begins July 1.

"I am pleased to address the Madison IT community at a time when information technology is a critical driving force for businesses throughout the state," said Jim Rice, CEO of ITAWi. "Organizations such as Accelerate Madison serve a valuable need by connecting business professionals in the greater Madison area, and by providing insight to the factors driving current statewide, national, and international information technology trends."

Accelerate Madison looks forward to hosting this event. The event will be held at the Fluno Center for Executive Education, located at 601 University Ave. in Madison. Admission is \$0 for members, \$30 for General admission and \$10 for Students. The networking reception begins at 5:30 and the program runs from 6:30-8pm.

Accelerate Madison hosts monthly events that continue to deliver current and relevant programming to its members. For more information on how to join and a listing of upcoming events, visit [www.acceleratemadison.com](http://www.acceleratemadison.com).

**"State of the IT Sector in Wisconsin"**

**An Accelerate Madison Event**

**Date: Thursday, June 22, 2006**

Time: 5:00-6:30 p.m. Networking Reception; 6:30-8:00 p.m. Program

Venue: Fluno Center, 601 University Ave., Madison, WI

Admission: \$30 Non-Members; \$10 Students; \$0 Members of Accelerate Madison

Information and Registration: <http://www.acceleratemadison.org> or (608) 213-3939

**ABOUT ACCELERATE MADISON, INC.**

Accelerate Madison is a nonprofit membership organization that brings together entrepreneurs, business leaders, technologists, educators and students involved in business that depend upon information technology for their success, or who develop information technology products and services. Accelerate Madison strives to provide current, vital information to people in the greater Madison economy, and in the process help educate them improve the use of information technology, nurture the development of technology companies and optimize economic growth of diverse businesses within Greater Madison

**ABOUT THE INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION OF WISCONSIN**

The Information Technology Association of Wisconsin, ITAWi, was launched in June of 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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