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IT ASSOCIATION TO HOST PUBLIC POLICY FORUM WITH GUBERNATORIAL CANDIDATES

Madison, Wisconsin (October 16, 2006)— The Information Technology Association of Wisconsin (ITAWi) is sponsoring an exclusive public policy forum focusing on issues specific to the IT industry on October 26, 2006 beginning at 8:00 a.m. at the Sheraton Hotel in Brookfield.

Congressman Mark Green, Republican candidate for Governor and Cory Nettles, former Secretary of the Department of Commerce, on behalf of Governor Jim Doyle, will participate in the forum. Mark Blazich of Greenbrier and Russel will host and Mark Sabljak, Publisher of the Milwaukee Business Journal will moderate.

“ITAWi recently celebrated its one-year anniversary. This event enables our members and their guests to highlight issues affecting the IT sector and to evaluate candidates’ policies towards impacting their businesses in a public forum. Specifically, these initiatives consist of: workforce development; tax; and new company creation, growth and capital formation,” said ITAWi CEO and President Jim Rice.

Mark Sabljak, a strong supporter of the ITAWi since its inception in June of 2000, states, “This event will bring together stakeholders in the Wisconsin information technology sector in an environment that will shine a spotlight on IT issues that can help grow this sector and benefit Wisconsin’s overall economy.”

This exclusive event is free to ITAWi members and their guests. Members of the media are encouraged to attend, but need to be registered by calling Laura Barry at (414) 973-7028 or email lbarry@gr.com.

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