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Ashooh, SWANH Chairman Join Tech-North Speaker Panel

They join inventor Dean Kamen and UNH President Mark Huddleston as speakers at the first-ever technology summit.

Manchester, NH – The City of Manchester has announced that Richard Ashooh, vice president of Government Relations at BAE Systems, and Dave Todaro, president of the Software Association of New Hampshire will be keynote speakers at Tech-North, Manchester's first-ever technology summit, being held on Wednesday, September 19 at the Center of NH – Radisson.

Tech-North will feature a full day of activities including morning and afternoon keynote speakers from New Hampshire's technology sector, breakout sessions on hot technology topics, a job fair and career expo and BarCamp, a technology unconference. The event runs from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. Breakfast and luncheon sessions involve a nominal fee; the remainder of the event is free and open to the public.

In conjunction with top sponsor, **UNH Manchester**, the technology summit will explore the links between higher education and the high tech economy, offering breakfast and luncheon keynote addresses as well as morning and afternoon breakout sessions supporting the theme. A number of exciting speakers are confirmed, including internationally-renown inventor and entrepreneur Dean Kamen.

Richard Ashooh is vice president of government relations for the Information & Electronic Warfare Systems unit headquartered in Nashua. He is responsible for federal legislative interface as well as for regional and local government and community relations, plus outreach and philanthropy programs.

Dave Todaro is the newly-elected Chairman of the Board of the Software Association of New Hampshire. He is the vice president of BID2WIN Software in Portsmouth. SWANH promotes and supports the software and information technology industries throughout the state through networking events, educational programs and discount programs that provide members with opportunities to gain information, connect with resources, grow their businesses, and succeed.

“Rich is familiar with the types of cutting-edge high tech jobs available in Southern NH, and Dave is not only a high-tech leader himself, but is also at the center of the high tech sector in New Hampshire,” said Mayor Frank C. Guinta. “They are a tremendous addition to Tech-North.”

The morning keynote panel also includes **Fred Kocher**, President of the NH High Technology Council, and **Grace Kilbane**, the regional administrator of the Employment and Training Administration of the US Department of Labor. She is also the former national director of JobCorps. The luncheon speaker panel features Kamen and University of New Hampshire President **Mark Huddleston**.

In addition to the morning and afternoon speaking programs, the event will include breakout sessions on financing, intellectual property, high tech and the NH economy and open source student information systems as well as networking and career development for the IT. Individual breakout sessions and their facilitators are detailed below.

Tech-North technology summit will also feature BarCamp. According to Wikipedia, **BarCamp** is an international network of unconferences – open, participatory workshop events, whose content is provided by participants. The focus is typically on early stage Web applications and related open source technologies and social protocols. Participants set the agenda when they arrive at BarCamp, creating a dynamic event that relies on participation by attendees.

The event also features a **High Tech Job Fair and Exhibition**, sponsored and hosted by the **NH Division of Resources and Economic Development** and **ClearChannel Broadcasting WGIR AM/FM Radio/Multi Media**. High Tech employers from across the region will participate.

In the evening, the **Manchester Young Professionals Network** and the **Greater Manchester Chamber of Commerce** will co-host a reception celebrating and capping off this first-ever event.

Tech-North is sponsored in part by UNH Manchester, Fidelity Investments, Public Service of New Hampshire and Dynamic Network Services. Partners include SilverTech, Tracey/Edwards/O'Neil and Savvy Communications.

For more information on Tech-North, or to register, visit www.tech-north.com or call the Manchester Economic Development Office at 603.624.6505.

Breakout sessions and facilitators listed on next page:

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Growth Capital Financing	Michael Gurau, CEI Community Ventures John Hamilton, Vested For Growth Jesse Devitte, Borealis Ventures Hollis McGuire, Northeast Angels
Intellectual Property	Paul Remus, Devine Millimet and Branch
High Tech and the NH Economy	Mike Vlacich, DRED Commissioner George Bald, DRED Commissioner G. Philip Blastos, Department of
Revenue	Administration Ross Gittell, economist Taylor Eighmy, UNH Research, EPSCOR program Bob Dalton, UNH, Innovation Research Center Zenagui Ibrahim, NH Manufacturer's Extension
Open Source Student Information Systems	Program Naim Syed, NHCTC Sean Owen, wedü Jeremy Hitchcock, Dynamic Network Services
Networking for IT Professionals Group	Jason Alexander, Alexander Technology
Entrepreneurial and High Tech Business Panel	Sean Owen, wedü Jeremy Hitchcock, Dynamic Network Services Bob Good, Good Leads
Smart Classrooms	Naim Syed, NHCTC Lauri Rubner, Sonic Foundry, Inc.

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