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IT Industry and Education Leaders to Discuss Partnership between Business and Academia at March 25th AITP Meeting

Forum will explore mutual needs of IT organizations, colleges and universities

Hicksville, N.Y. – March 18, 2008 – The Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) Long Island Chapter today announced the speaker lineup for its March 25th meeting titled: “The IT Industry: A Partnership with Education.”

At this meeting, leading educators and IT industry executives will discuss the present and future hiring needs and related course and program offerings at our educational institutions in the region.

“The Long Island technology ‘brain drain’ is well documented, but we shouldn’t assume that the battle is lost,” said Barbara Viola, president, AITP Long Island Chapter. “The AITP is hosting this forum to continue and expand the dialog between IT organizations and the Long Island education community. An open exchange of needs, ideas, and opportunities for improvement will help us to collectively drive progress.”

The speakers at this event include:

Keynote address:

Dr. W. Hubert Keen, Farmingdale University – President

Panelists:

Jeanette Grill, C.W. Post – Executive Director for Professional Experience and Career Planning

Bob Klomp, Frequency Electronics – Human Resources Director

Richard D. Savior, NYIT – Director of Human Resources

Moderators:

Ken Newman, Hofstra University – Sr. Program Director of Interactive Technologies

Walter Ebe, Game Builders Academy – Vice President of Marketing

As an added benefit, Long Island college intern coordinators have been invited to exhibit at this event. They will be available to discuss business needs and student intern availability.

Pre-registration for this AITP event is strongly recommended, as seating is limited. The meeting will take place on Tuesday morning, March 25, 2008, from 8 AM to 10 AM, at the Milleridge Cottage in Jericho, NY. Visit the AITP LI Chapter Web site for details: <http://www.aitp-li.org/events>

About the AITP Long Island Chapter

Founded in 1954, the mission of the Long Island Chapter of the Association of Information Technology Professionals (AITP) is to provide members with professional development, education, and exposure to technology trends and leadership in the Long Island business community. The chapter provides opportunities for networking with experienced peers in industry, academia, and government, and offers a scholarship program for students. The Long Island Chapter of the AITP was named the 2007 national “Association Outstanding Chapter,” and is the association of choice for Long Island’s information technology leaders.

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