

## News Release

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## ***fuse2005* Conference Will Showcase Existing Technology-Enabled Business Opportunities in Central New York October 17-18**

*Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton Invited to Deliver Opening Keynote at Two-Day Conference to be Held at Syracuse Oncenter Complex*

**August 24, 2005 (Syracuse, NY)** – *fuse2005*, a regional conference highlighting the existing technology base and related business growth opportunities in Central New York will be held at the Oncenter Complex in downtown Syracuse October 17 and 18. A significant number of the invitees will represent national and global companies. The conference will open at 3 PM on October 17 and Senator Hillary Rodham Clinton (Democrat, New York) has been invited to deliver the keynote address.

“Our goal with *fuse2005* is to bring together senior business leaders, entrepreneurs, investors, academics and other professionals with a focus on the ‘big picture’ of how the world-class resources we have right here in Central New York are enabling new opportunities locally as well as nationally,” said Dave Montanaro, Chairman and CEO, USA Datanet. “Our intent is to stimulate the audience to accelerate the expansion of the technology base and continue to bring new business opportunities, talent and capital to this region.”

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*fuse2005* will feature an executive roundtable and multiple technology-driven business panels featuring local and global technology and business leaders. Topics for the day will include key areas of Central New York excellence: medical technology and bio sciences, information technologies, broadband communications, information security, and the commercialization of academic and other research.

In addition to demonstrations of selected technologies, *fuse2005* will feature a PitchFest with 12 to 15 entrepreneurs presenting business proposals to a panel of investors. Entrepreneurs seeking between \$500,000 to \$5 Million are currently being invited to submit executive summaries to a selection panel, which will choose the most promising opportunities for presentations at the conference on October 18. There will also be time allocated later in the day for all attending investors and entrepreneurs to continue the dialog and network.

“*fuse2005* is the type of vehicle that’s needed to demonstrate how Central New York is repositioning and reenergizing around emerging technologies,” said Jim Carrick, President and CEO, Strategic Computer Solutions, Inc. “*fuse2005* will help to generate attention and focus on many of the existing organizational initiatives in Central New York, e.g. IC Connect, the Central New York Technology Development Organization (CNYTDO) and Central New York MedTech among others. Moreover, *fuse2005* will play a role in helping Central New York retain and attract talent.”

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