



## **RADIO FREQUENCY IDENTIFICATION (RFID) TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL TO HOLD PANEL DISCUSSION ON EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS AND RESPONSE**

**Washington, DC (May 7, 2007)** – In coordination with the Senate RFID Caucus, The RFID Technology Council will hold a panel discussion today entitled *RFID and Healthcare: Emergency Preparedness and Response*. The panel will explore the use of RFID technology in tracking pharmaceuticals, managing the flow of supplies and resources, authenticating health care workers, and the manner in which different types of RFID technologies can be integrated to create a seamless flow of information.

In recent years, the federal government has focused extensively on providing first responders, health care providers and government agencies with the resources necessary to combat and recover from disaster situations. Radio Frequency Identification (RFID) is one of the innovative tools being used by the health care industry to quickly and effectively manage the flow of supplies, people, equipment and resources.

The panel, sponsored by the Information Technology Industry Council (ITI), the Information Technology Association of America (ITAA), and the International RFID Business Association, will be held today at the Dirksen Senate Office Building from 12:15 – 1:30 pm, and will be moderated by Dan Caprio of the Progress and Freedom Foundation. Other speakers include: Kathleen Carroll, Director of Government Relations, HID Global; Dr. James Fonger, Cardiothoracic Surgeon, Cookeville Regional Health System and Co-Director, Cardiovascular Research Lab at St. Joseph's Hospital; Anthony McKinney, Director of Public Security Industry Solution Marketing, SAP Labs; and Michael Wallace, Director of Global Serialization and Corporate Marketing, Abbot.

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### ***About RFID Technology Council***

*The RFID Technology Council is an Ad Hoc organization with the mission to support the US Senate RFID Caucus in promoting the understanding of RFID technologies and their impact on the US and global economy. The Senate RFID Caucus is Co-Chaired by Senators Byron Dorgan (D-ND) and John Cornyn (R-TX). The RFID Technology Council's website can be found at **[www.RFIDTechCouncil.org](http://www.RFIDTechCouncil.org)**.*

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