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AEA, UALBANY NANOCOLLEGE TO PARTNER ON CIRCA '07
Convergence of International Research and Commercialization in Albany to be held May 21-23 at CNSE's Albany NanoTech complex and Saratoga Springs, NY

(Albany) – AeA, the nation's largest high-tech trade association, and the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering ("CNSE") of the University at Albany, ranked by *Small Times* magazine as the nation's number one college for nanotechnology, will partner to hold a first-ever conference focused on the development of common nanotechnology-enabled platforms that will drive innovation and spur commercial opportunities in a broad array of industries, including nanoelectronics, health care, energy, defense and aerospace, among others.

The Convergence of International Research and Commercialization in Albany, or CIRCA '07, will be held May 21-23 at the Gideon Putnam Hotel in Saratoga Springs, NY and at CNSE's Albany NanoTech complex in Albany, NY.

The purpose of CIRCA '07 is to leverage the state-of-the-art nanofabrication expertise of leading device, equipment and material suppliers – and the subsequent convergence of nanotechnology with electronics, photonics, bioelectronics, microsystems and wireless technologies – to unlock the enormous market opportunities that exist in such diverse sectors as energy, biohealth, security and telecommunications.

Justin Wright, Executive Director, AeA New York Council, said, "CIRCA '07 is a tremendous opportunity for our 2,500 member companies representing all segments of the high-tech industry. AeA recognizes that manufacturability and commercialization of nanotechnology are among the greatest challenges facing widespread implementation and commercial viability. AeA's strategic relationship with CNSE is providing unique capabilities and solutions to address these challenges as CIRCA '07 will demonstrate."

Dr. Alain E. Kaloyeros, Vice President and Chief Administrative Officer of CNSE, said, "The UAlbany NanoCollege is delighted to partner with AeA, the leading global technology trade organization, in this important event. Through this partnership, CIRCA '07 will formulate and refine strategies for shared development of cross-sector, university-driven technology platforms and identify private-public business teaming opportunities around nanoscale manufacturing solutions common to the host of

nanotechnology-enabled industries of the 21st century. These industries include aeronautics, telecommunications, homeland defense, health, and energy.”

Among the speakers confirmed for CIRCA '07 are Bernie Meyerson, IBM Fellow and vice president and chief technologist for IBM Systems and Technology; Wendy Arienzo, vice president and general manager of NXP; Michael O'Halloran, director of technology for CH2MHill; Robert Maire, senior analyst at Needham & Company; and Daniel Webster Jr., general manager of ANALOGIC.

For further information on CIRCA '07, including registration, visit www.aeanet.org/circa07.

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About AeA. AeA, founded in 1943, is a nationwide trade association that represents all segments of the technology industry and is dedicated solely to helping our members' top line and bottom line. We do this in partnership with our small, medium, and large member companies by lobbying governments at the state, federal, and international levels, providing access to capital and business opportunities, and offering select business services and networking programs. For more information, please visit <http://www.aeanet.org/ny>.

About CNSE. The College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering of the University at Albany-State University of New York is the first college in the world dedicated to research, development, education, and deployment in the emerging disciplines of nanoscience, nanoengineering, nanobioscience and nanoeconomics. In May 2006, it was ranked as the nation's number one college for nanotechnology and microtechnology in the Annual College Ranking by *Small Times* magazine. CNSE's Albany NanoTech complex is the most advanced research facility of its kind at any university in the world: a \$3.5 billion, 450,000-square-foot complex that attracts corporate partners from around the world and offers students a one-of-a-kind academic experience. The UAlbany Nanocollege houses the only fully-integrated, 300mm wafer, computer chip pilot prototyping and demonstration line within 65,000 square feet of Class 1 capable cleanrooms. Over 1,600 scientists, researchers, engineers, students, and faculty work on site at CNSE's Albany NanoTech complex, including IBM, AMD, SONY, Toshiba, Qimonda, Honeywell, ASML, Applied Materials, Tokyo Electron, and Freescale. An expansion currently underway will expand the Albany NanoTech complex to over 750,000 square feet, including over 80,000 of Class 1 cleanroom space, to house over 2,000 scientists, researchers, engineers, students, and faculty by the end of 2008. For more information, visit www.cnse.albany.edu.