

VC FORUM – VC Road Trip Comes to Atlanta

MMM Partner to Lead CIO Panel

(April 2008) – Some of the nation’s most powerful venture capitalists are scheduled to come to Atlanta this month for Atlanta’s VC Forum Road Trip on April 24 and 25. Top venture capitalists will hear presentations by Atlanta’s fastest growing technology companies and have an opportunity to network with other leading venture funds.

John Yates, Chair of the Technology Group at Morris, Manning & Martin, LLP, will moderate a panel of Chief Information Officers from the area’s largest companies, including Esat Sezer, Senior Vice President and CIO of Coca-Cola Enterprises; UPS CIO Dave Barnes; Southern Company CIO Becky Blalock; Porsche North America CIO Philip Davis; and Melanee Haywood, Acting CIO of Delta Technology at Delta Airlines.

“This event will give fast-growing technology companies a unique opportunity to obtain funding, and is also likely to spawn a number of cooperative deals.” Mr. Yates said, adding “The Forum is critical for bringing entrepreneurs together with key sources of capital from other parts of the country.”

A select group of technology companies has been chosen to present to the VC group as part of the Deal Showcase. The Road Trip will also include a Deal Exchange, which is a VC-only session that allows the attending venture capitalists to share details of a technology deal with the group.

“Sponsoring and participating in events such as this are critical to both our clients and the Atlanta technology community as a whole,” Mr. Yates added.

More VC Road Trips, which are hosted by the VC Forum, are scheduled for later this year in Vancouver, Portland, Salt Lake City, Philadelphia, New York, Seattle and Denver. For more information, visit www.vcforum.org.

About VC Forum

The VC Forum exists to introduce promising technology companies to leading venture capitalists. Founded in 2001, VC Forum has evaluated more than 5,000 technology companies and built up a network of over 3,000 venture capitalists. Since January 2003, it has organized VC Road Trips to Atlanta, Austin, Boston, Chicago, Denver, Las Vegas, Los Angeles, Newport Beach, New York, Portland, Salt Lake City, Seattle and Vancouver.

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