

**SIX YEARS AND COUNTING:
TECH ELITE GATHERS AT
6th ANNUAL NANTUCKET CONFERENCE
FOR DEAL-MAKING & OPEN DIALOG ON THE STATE OF
TECHNOLOGY & INNOVATION IN NEW ENGLAND**

*Invitation-only event unites 175 investors, entrepreneurs, and tech execs for
idea-sharing, debate, industry and market discussions*

BOSTON, February 7, 2005 – Future Forward Events LLC today released its initial list of distinguished speakers for the sixth annual Nantucket Conference on Entrepreneurship and Innovation. The Nantucket Conference, an invitation-only event that brings together senior technology executives and entrepreneurs from throughout New England for shared dialogue and networking, will be held May 5-7, 2004 at the Harbor House on Nantucket Island.

One of this year's keynotes will be delivered by Eric Schmidt, CEO of Google--who will join a distinguished assortment of speakers including serial entrepreneurs, technology risk-takers, and visionaries who have founded or led some of the most groundbreaking and influential companies in technology. Speakers include:

- Mark Ain, CEO, Kronos
- Jeremy Allaire, CEO, Vidmark and Co-founder, Allaire
- Linda Bernardi, CEO, ConnecTerra
- Bob Higgins, Founder, Highland Capital Partners
- Ben Howe, CEO, America's Growth Capital
- Mitchell Kertzman, Partner, Hummer Winblad and Founder, Powersoft
- John Leggate, CIO, BP
- Bob Metcalfe, General Partner, Polaris Ventures and Founder, 3Com
- Bill Raduchel, Chairman, Ruckus Network and former CTO, America Online
- Dennis Shockro, VP/IS, Yankee Candle Company
- Jeff Taylor, Founder and CEO, Monster.com
- Joseph Vacanti, Director, Laboratory for Tissue Engineering and Organ Fabrication, Massachusetts General Hospital

The Nantucket Conference, designed to be an unvarnished exploration of the technology business landscape, is the only event of its kind in New England and has sold out for the past five years. This year's sessions include:

“What's Happening in RFID, VoIP, & The Internet of Video,”
“East vs. West: Trends, Technologies & Regional Advantage,”
“Can a Tech Company Succeed Without Venture Capital?” and
“How CIOs Buy Technology.”

“With an improving economy and local innovation skyrocketing, now is the time for candid dialogue between peers about emerging technology opportunities in New England,” said Shayne Gilbert, conference co-chair and founder of Boston’s Silverweave, Inc. “For six years now, The Nantucket Conference has provided a unique, high-quality opportunity for technology executives to gather together and share common experiences, successes and challenges. The interactive format and intimate setting encourages an open and honest dialogue and enables participants to really connect with their peers --- the movers and shakers of New England technology.”

Nantucket Conference 2005 sponsors include Bingham McCutchen LLP, Gustin Partners and Silicon Valley Bank. The full agenda and speaker list are online at <http://www.nantucketconference.com/agenda.html>.

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