

The Leonardo Hosts “A Day of Innovation”

*--Washington Officials to Visit Local Business and Education Sites for WIRED Initiative Kick-Off
--Evening Reception, Networking Event Will Celebrate Utah’s Life Sciences Community*

SALT LAKE CITY, May 7, 2007—The Leonardo will host “A Day of Innovation” on May 10 to recognize and officially launch Utah’s WIRED Initiative. WIRED (Workforce Innovation in Regional Economic Development) has received national recognition and over \$7 million dollars in funding towards a transformational approach to talent development in Utah’s life sciences from the U.S. Department of Labor, Employment and Training Administration (USDOL/ETA). Utah received this funding to further develop programs designed to create a pipeline of highly-skilled talent for the state’s biotechnology and bio-manufacturing industry.

Assistant Secretary Emily Stover DeRocco and Deputy Assistant Secretary Mason Bishop (USDOL/ETA) will tour the facilities at Salt Lake Community College, Jordan Technical Institute, Granite Technical Institute, Nelson Labs, and visit with Governor Jon Huntsman. They will also be meeting with leadership from the WIRED Partnership Alliance, which includes: the Governor’s Office of Economic Development, Department of Workforce Services, Salt Lake Community College, Granite Technical Institute, The Leonardo, ASTEC Science Camps, Utah Science Center and USTAR.

“The Leonardo is honored to host this exciting day, which will showcase Utah’s future to Washington and to our local community,” said Mary Tull, executive director for The Leonardo.

An evening reception (5 p.m. until 7:30 p.m.) of networking for industry and governmental officials will conclude the day’s activities at the future home of The Leonardo. Interactive exhibits from The Leonardo on Wheels—Science will be on display. Assistant Secretary Emily Stover DeRocco will address the national significance of the WIRED recognition and the importance of a collaborative approach that brings together state, local and federal offices, academic and educational institutions, investment groups, foundations, business and industry.

“We look forward to working with some of the state’s most innovative business, education and government organizations in supporting the state’s move toward becoming a nationally-recognized leader in science, technology, and innovation,” said Tull.

The evening reception is open to business and community leaders in the life sciences industry. For more information on WIRED and on this event contact TAPintoUtah@utah.gov , 801-538-8880 or The Leonardo at 801-531-9800.

About The Leonardo

Inspired by Leonardo da Vinci—one of history’s most versatile and creative geniuses—The Leonardo will be a one-of-a-kind art, culture and science center with a multidisciplinary approach. Located in the heart of Utah’s capital city, The Leonardo will be part of Library Square, a developing civic and education center anchored by a magnificent new City Library, which is the state’s second most-visited tourist destination. The mission of The Leonardo is to create opportunities for visitors to become participants by exploring “new ways of seeing” their world, themselves and each other. Three founding partners have come together

to develop The Leonardo: YouthCity Artways (www.youthcityartways.org)—formerly Global Artways; the Center for Documentary Arts (www.cdautah.org), and; the Utah Science Center (www.utahsciencecenter.org).

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