

MEDI 2008 Returns to Connecticut Convention Center, September 9-10

-- *International Medical Device Industry to Meet Hartford for Conferences and 'Look Ahead'* --

HARTFORD, Conn., Feb. 28, 2008 -- **MEDI 2008**, the most comprehensive medical device conference and exhibition, will be held at the new Connecticut Convention Center in Hartford, Tuesday and Wednesday, September 9-10.

MEDI 2008 (www.MEDI2008.com) will showcase the latest developments in nanomedicine, drug delivery vehicles, drug/device combination products, robotic surgery, orthopedic implants and prosthetic devices, artificial organs and eHealth, while also providing conferences addressing important issues and business challenges related to the manufacture and commercialization of these devices.

First held in 2005, the 2008 version of **MEDI** has been designed by the BioMedical Engineering Alliance & Consortium (BEACON, www.BeaconAlliance.org) "to meet the needs of an audience from beyond the I-91 corridor, from throughout the U.S., and from overseas," said Joseph Bronzino PhD, PE, president of BEACON and the Vernon Roosa Professor of Applied Science at Trinity College. "BEACON," said Dr. Bronzino, "working together with a world-class Advisory Committee, has created a conference program that is certain to bring value and insight to all attendees."

Medical Device Industry Leaders in Conferences and on the Show Floor

"Leaders of the medical device industry will attend our conference sessions and their companies will showcase their latest innovations and products on our show floor," Dr. Bronzino said.

"The medical device industry is growing at an exponential pace, with technological advancements taking place every day. It is essential for such an industry to gather at one time in one place . . . and that time and place in the Northeast will be **MEDI 2008**."

Dr. Bronzino said that the Hartford's Connecticut Convention Center, which opened in 2005, "is an ideal setting for **MEDI 2008**. It is the one of the newest and most modern convention centers, is within a two-hour drive from New York or Boston, and has Bradley International Airport nearby. And in the fall, everyone knows there is no prettier place to be than New England," he said.

Information on sponsorship opportunities, exhibition space and conferences at **MEDI 2008** is available at (866) 867-1933, and www.MEDI2008.com).

About BEACON

The producer of **MEDI 2008**, the BioMedical Engineering Alliance & Consortium (BEACON) is a non-profit trade organization consisting of academic and medical institutions as well as corporations dedicated to the development of medical technology. BEACON has been actively involved in emphasizing the importance of this industry as an economic engine for the greater Hartford, Connecticut region, the I-91 corridor, the Northeast and beyond . . . including increasing overseas interest in the U.S. medical device industry.

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