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## **Dr. Karl M. Prewo, Chief of Technology and Innovation, Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology to be Keynote Speaker at 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering**

Dr. Karl Prewo, Chief of Technology and Innovation for the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology will present a keynote address on "Progress and Plans for the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology" at the 31<sup>st</sup> Annual Meeting and Dinner of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering on May 24, 2006 at the Crowne Plaza Hotel in Cromwell, Connecticut. The event will be attended by over 200 members of the Academy, invited guests, and winners of 2006 statewide science competitions. The H. Joseph Gerber Medal of Excellence, created by the Academy and sponsored by Gerber Scientific, Inc., will be awarded to the two first place winners of the 2006 Connecticut Science Fair and the first place winner of the 2006 Connecticut Science Challenge.

Dr. Prewo is a graduate of the Brooklyn Polytechnic Institute and received his doctorate from Columbia University in metallurgy. He is the author of numerous technical papers and holds 58 patents in engineered materials and products in aerospace and industrial fields. During a 30-year career at United Technologies Research Center, Dr. Prewo served as director of integrated materials, design and manufacturing. Twice, he was awarded the George Mead Medal for Engineering Achievement: once in the area of aerospace technology and once for the development of a new family of elevators for the Otis elevator company. Recipient of numerous national and international awards, he is a fellow of both the American Ceramic Society and the American Society for Metals, and is also a member of the Connecticut Academy of Science and Engineering.

Dr. Prewo is a member of the founding team of the Connecticut Center for Advanced Technology. CCAT is a not-for-profit organization, established in 2004 to work in partnership with industry, government and academia to strengthen economic competitiveness through its initiatives in technology, education and new enterprise creation. He also serves as the director of the National Aerospace Leadership Initiative (NALI), a multi-state consortium of organizations and leading universities, initiated by the United States Congress in 2005, to focus on the needs of the U.S. aerospace-manufacturing supply chain. The national headquarters for NALI will be the National Center for Aerospace Leadership, planned for a 2007 opening at Rentschler Field in East Hartford, Connecticut.

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