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### **E9-1-1 Institute Program to Focus on 9-1-1 Access over VoIP**

**Washington, D.C.** The E9-1-1 Institute will sponsor a roundtable discussion on Tuesday, May 24, 2005 on the vital question of whether the rapidly emerging VoIP (voice over Internet protocol) service providers should be required to offer E9-1-1 access to their customers.

A key part of the discussion will be the decision of Canadian regulators in April, 2005 to require VoIP service providers to offer E9-1-1 services. The main speaker at the event will be Chris Seidl, Senior Manager of Telecom Policy Decisions with the Canadian Radio-Television and Telecommunications Commission (CRTC) who will provide the keynote address and explain the recent Canadian decision.

Following the keynote address, Gregory L. Rohde, Executive Director of the E9-1-1 Institute, will moderate a panel discussion of industry representatives from Vonage, BellSouth and TCS on the status of 9-1-1 and E9-1-1 over VoIP services in the United States.

Here are the logistics:

Date: Tuesday, May 24

Time: 12:00 p.m. – 1:30 p.m.

Place: Room 124 Senate Dirksen Office Building (with buffet lunch)

Also note, Mr. Rohde will be available at the FCC meeting on the 19<sup>th</sup> for reaction to the Commission's action on the agenda item dealing with VoIP and E9-1-1.

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