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Windber, PA - Windber Research Institute and Windber Professional Services, along with their partners, are presenting their annual conference with the theme Translational Health: the Next Generation of Medicine. The opening ceremonies for the showcase will begin Monday, August, 14th, 2006 at 8:00 a.m. with a V.I.P. reception Monday evening at the Frank J. Pasquerilla Conference Center in Johnstown. The showcase will continue through Tuesday, August 15th, 2006.

This conference will bring together scientists and medical professionals from across the country to present and discuss their research and clinical findings. It is anticipated that the results of this conference will enhance our understanding of human diseases and how through combining systems biology and high-throughput molecular analysis can improve patient care in both the military and civilian sectors.

"This symposium provides a unique window on the development of Translational Medicine as a process that identifies clinical problems for solution in the laboratory by advanced methods in genomics, proteomics, imaging and informatics, and then provides these solutions to the patient. A wide range of science, technologies and critical issues will be presented", Michael Liebman, Executive Director of Windber Research Institute stated.

"This conference is a great way to connect the research with the patient and the patient with the research," Congressman John P. Murtha said. "We're delighted to host an event that attracts world leaders in emerging medical fields here to exchange information that could help speed up the availability of potential life-saving treatments for patients with cancer and other diseases."

Nick Jacobs, president of Windber Research Institute concludes, "The transition, evolution, and growth continues. From 3 to 33 to 51 employees - from one to 21 grants, we continue to expand our horizons, grow our science and extend our reach."

There will also be a public forum held at the Windber Research Institute, 620 7th Street, Windber on Sunday, August 13 from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. featuring Dr. Lee Hood, president, Institute for System Biology. He is currently pioneering systems medicine and the systems thinking for diagnostics, therapy and ultimately prevention.