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## Disability Advocates Promote Advanced Data Services at Live Broadband Demonstration on Capitol Hill

**March 9, 2004/Washington, D.C.** – **Dr. Frank Bowe**, a seated scholar of the New Millennium Research Council (NMRC) and professor at Hofstra University's Department of Counseling, Research, Special Education, and Rehabilitation, will participate in a live hands-on technology demonstration, **Wednesday, March 10, 2004** on Capitol Hill. The demonstration will highlight the benefits that ubiquitous deployment of broadband connections will have on people with disabilities. Dr. Bowe will be joined by **Kelby Brick**, Associate Executive Director-National Association of the Deaf, and **Andrew J. Imparato**, President and CEO-American Association of People with Disabilities. **Representative Fred Upton** (R-MI), a strong advocate for broadband deployment, has been invited to participate at the demo.

Dr. Bowe has worked on technology and disability policy since 1977 when he was selected by the House Committee on Science and Technology to join a panel charged with reviewing the government's research enterprise to identify activities related to disability. He has also advised the Congressional Office of Technology Assessment and served on the U.S. Architectural and Transportation Barriers Compliance Board. Dr. Bowe is also Government Affairs Consultant for the National Association of the Deaf.

**What:** A live, hands-on demonstration of the most advanced voice, video and data services available over high-speed Internet lines – featuring live video of American Sign Language

**Who:** Technology Experts, Disability Advocates and Legislative Leaders, including:

- **Frank G. Bowe, Ph.D., LL.D.**, Superintendent/CEO – Lexington and Schloss Distinguished Professor, Hofstra University, NY
- **Kelby Brick, Esq.**, Associate Executive Director, National Association of the Deaf
- **Andrew J. Imparato**, President and CEO, American Association of People with Disabilities
- **Representative Fred Upton** (R-MI) - *Invited*

**When:** 4:30 to 5:30 PM on Wednesday, March 10th.

**Where:** 2322 Rayburn House Office Building

*Hors d'oeuvres and beverages will be served.*

**Contact:** Andrew J. Imparato, President and CEO, AAPD, 202-457-0046.

### **About the NMRC**

Established in 1999, the non-profit New Millennium Research Council (NMRC) is composed of a network of policy experts who seek to develop workable, real-world solutions to the issues and challenges confronting policy makers. Its work has focused primarily in the fields of telecommunications and technology. For more information on the NMRC please visit: [www.newmillenniumresearch.org](http://www.newmillenniumresearch.org).