



## **Austin Technology Provider is Integral Part of Security for World Conference on Information Technology 2006**

**AUSTIN, Texas, December 19, 2005** – Austin-based Axalto, Inc. will play a leading role in the security for the World Congress on Information Technology (WCIT 2006) in Austin, Texas next May 1 - 5. Axalto smart cards and related systems will be used to control access to the event and related activities by high-ranking government officials and business leaders.

Axalto's smart cards will be encoded with security information that will display a picture and information about the delegate to verify their identity when scanned. The delegates can also use their cards at the onsite kiosks to access their personal congress schedule and email.

WCIT 2006 draws approximately 2,000 global thought leaders and decision makers from 80 countries, including Fortune 100 CEO's, NGO presidents, foreign ministers, Nobel laureates, university chancellors and leading R&D scientists. Speakers this year include Michael Dell, chairman of the board, Dell, Inc; Paul Otellini, CEO, Intel; Steve Ballmer, CEO, Microsoft, and John Gage, chief researcher and vice president of the science office, Sun Microsystems.

"A focus of WCIT 2006 is using IT Innovation to make a positive impact on human lives. Axalto's advanced smart card technology complements this focus by making our attendees' experience more personal, secure and convenient," said Glyn Meek, president, WCIT 2006.

Each attendee will be given a personalized Axalto smart card to be used to gain access to speeches, sessions, activities, Internet kiosks and for transportation to and from locations. These various locations will have computers and handhelds with Axalto smart card readers to quickly and securely accept the smart cards and authorize access.

"It is rewarding for us to support local business and contribute our technology to a prestigious, global event right here in Austin," said Paul Beverly, president, Americas for Axalto. "We believe that the use of our technology at this event will allow world leaders to experience and understand the many advantages of smart cards in the digital and physical world."

**About Axalto**

Axalto (Euronext: NL0000400653 - AXL) is the world's leading provider of microprocessor cards (Gartner 2005, Frost & Sullivan 2004)— the key to digital networks — and a major supplier of point-of-sale terminals. Its 4,500 employees come from over 65 nationalities and serve customers in more than 100 countries, with worldwide sales reaching 3 billion smart cards to date. The company has 25 years of experience in smart card innovation and leads its industry in security technology and open systems.

Axalto continuously creates new generations of products for use in a variety of applications in the telecommunications, finance, retail, transport, entertainment, healthcare, personal identification, information technology and public sector markets. Microprocessor cards provide convenience, security and privacy to public and private services operators, their customers and end users. For more information, visit us at [www.axalto.com](http://www.axalto.com)

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