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Mort Rahimi and Joel Mambretti Named to Mayor Daley's Council of Technology Advisors (MCTA)

Mort Rahimi, vice president for Information Technology at Northwestern University, and Joel Mambretti, director for the Northwestern University's International Center for Advanced Internet Research, were named to the City of Chicago's Council of Technology Advisors by Richard M. Daley.

The council is composed of private and public-sector technology industry experts and will steer Chicago to the forefront of technologically advanced cities. The council will assist the City of Chicago formulate a strategic plan to address critical technology issues. Chicago is the first US city to form such a council.

The newly formed council will address the following issues: (1) promoting the growth and retention of technology businesses in Chicago; (2) increasing the pool of qualified technology workers in Chicago and the surrounding metropolitan area; (3) creation of growth and early-stage venture funds to assist technology-based entrepreneurs; and (4) formulation of a comprehensive plan to promote the use, access and understanding of new technologies across the City of Chicago.