

WASHINGTON – Congressman Spencer Bachus will participate in ground-breaking ceremonies for the National Computer Forensic Institute in Hoover on Friday, March 9.

Bachus will be among dignitaries including Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff, Governor Bob Riley, and U.S. Senator Jeff Sessions attending the event. He will also speak at a cybercrime briefing at the Hoover Public Safety Center prior to the groundbreaking ceremonies.

“The National Computer Forensic Institute will provide law enforcement officials with the training they need to fight high-tech crime. This will keep them one step ahead of criminals who try to use computers for everything from identity theft and counterfeiting to preying on the vulnerable, including children. It will help protect public safety and bring new technology expertise to the Birmingham area,” Bachus said.

Bachus played a lead role in helping locate the facility in Hoover. He is continuing to work with jointly federal, state, and local officials on long-term funding for the institute, which is scheduled to be completed in January 2008.

Congressman Bachus will participate in the following events on Friday.

1 p.m. – 2:15 p.m.

Briefing, "Cybercrime in America- A Law Enforcement Perspective." Hoover Public Safety Center, 2020 Valleydale Road, Hoover.

2:25 p.m. – 2:55 p.m.

Groundbreaking Ceremonies, Hoover Public Safety Center.

Details on Friday's program and the National Computer Forensic Institute are available from the Alabama District Attorney's Association at www.adaa-ops.org or by calling (334) 242-4191.

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