

## **C-PATH NAMES RESPECTED BUSINESS EXECUTIVE TO LEAD ITS OPERATIONS**



TUCSON, Arizona, Feb. 1, 2009 – Richard T. Myers, a former senior executive with engineering expertise at IBM, has been named Chief Operating Officer of the nonprofit Critical Path Institute, its founder and CEO, Dr. Ray Woosley, announced.

Woosley said, “C-Path is extremely fortunate to have such a talented and experienced leader at the helm. As an engineer and passionate visionary, Rick will guide C-Path to reach its full potential as a catalyst for improving the process for new medical-product development.” Myers will be responsible for all general operations of C-Path.

C-Path, based in Tucson with offices in Rockville, Maryland, works to streamline the processes for developing crucial new medical products. It was formed as part of the Food and Drug Administration’s Critical Path Initiative of 2004 calling for safer and more rapid U.S. drug development. It works as a neutral third party to pool scientific information from industry scientists and share it with others and the FDA, and has formed groundbreaking partnerships that include most major drug companies in the United States and Europe.

After serving in various posts at IBM, Myers retired as IBM’s Tucson site general manager and vice president of enterprise storage development. Data storage products are the major IBM research and development focus at its 1,600-person facility at the University of Arizona’s Science and Technology Park.

He is an adjunct faculty member at the University of Arizona at the Eller College of Management, where he teaches management of technology in a unique cross college program for engineering, science and business graduate students.

From 2002 to 2004, Myers was president of the Southern Arizona Leadership Council (SALC), an association of area business leaders who focus on good government, education, transportation, economic development and healthcare. Myers led SALC’s effort to form a regional transportation authority with legislative support for implementing a new transportation plan and tax. Myers was co-chair of the citizens committee for the Regional Transportation Authority, which developed a comprehensive 20-year transportation plan, and led the campaign for a new tax to fund the authority that was approved in May 2006. In 2006 and 2007, Myers was Chief Operating Officer of Bourn Partners, a Tucson-based brokerage and development company.

Myers holds an engineering degree from the University of Alabama in Huntsville and studied at the UA’s Arizona Executive Program, at the Thunderbird School of Global Management in Phoenix.

Myers was an active board member of Science Foundation Arizona, helping to drive the strategy to broaden the state’s economy based on the application of research in our Universities in partnership with the private sector. He has been a member and leader of many civic organizations in Tucson and has been recognized for his community service.

*Critical Path Institute, based in Tucson, Arizona, was established in 2005 as a publicly funded, nonprofit research and education institute to enable collaborations between scientists from the FDA, industry and academia. Critical Path Institute’s mission is to help implement the FDA’s Critical Path Initiative by developing faster, safer and smarter pathways to new medical products. Visit [www.C-Path.org](http://www.C-Path.org) for more information.*

*C-Path’s east coast office, in Rockville, Maryland, near the FDA, NIH and other leading government agencies and laboratories, is in the heart of the Mid-Atlantic’s biotechnology industry. At C-Path Rockville, scientific directors spearhead effective working relationships with top government scientists, agency directors and policymakers at FDA, NIH, HHS, AHRQ, NIST, the U.S. Congress and national patient and industry advocacy groups*