Announcing CROSSTALK's Co-Sponsor Team for 2007

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Randy Hill, 309 SMXG Director
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Diane Suchan, 402 SMXG Director
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Joe Jarzombek, Department of Homeland Security – Director of Software Assurance
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