

**Lawrence K. Vanston, Ph.D.****Telecommunications Trends Speaker**

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Dr. Vanston is a popular speaker on the subject of the future of telecommunications and its significance to organizations and people. He provides valid forecasts of future developments in the telecom industry and examines the driving forces behind these developments and their implications. As president of Technology Futures, Inc., Dr. Vanston has been monitoring, analyzing, and forecasting telecom technologies and services for more than 20 years. An internationally recognized authority in the use of technology forecasting in the telecommunications industry, his research reports and forecasts are used and referenced extensively by telecom managers and professionals worldwide.

Since 1985, Dr. Vanston has been the director and principal author of a number of [ongoing reports](#) commissioned by the [Telecommunications Technology Forecasting Group \(TTFG\)](#). Topics have included Internet access requirements, xDSL technologies, ATM switching, fiber optics, video services, and wireless communications. He is also frequently called to testify before state and federal regulatory commissions.

Some of the prestigious presentations and keynotes he has made include the Brazil Telecom Summit, the Pacific Telecommunications Conference, the International Engineering Consortium's ComForum, SUPERCOMM, the Brazil Telecom Summit, and USTA's Capitol Recovery Seminar. Dr. Vanston was honored as Outstanding Speaker of the Year by attendees of the 11th Annual International Communications Forecasting Conference.

Dr. Vanston's views and the results of his research are regularly cited by general business and industry publications including *Telephony*, *America's Network*, *Wired*, *Lightwave*, *Wireless Systems Design*, and *Communications News*. The September 21, 1998 issue of *The Wall Street Journal* featured an in-depth interview entitled "Consultant's Call: Lawrence Vanston Makes Some Pretty Bold Predictions for the Future of Telecommunications. He Has Been Right Before." Notably, the predictions therein have likewise come true.

Before joining Technology Futures in 1984, Dr. Vanston spent four years with Bell Labs and Bellcore. Prior to that, he was with the Texas Petroleum Research Committee and the Center for Energy Studies at the University of Texas at Austin. He holds a B.A. in government (1975) and an M.S. (1977) and Ph.D. (1979) in operations research and industrial engineering, all from the University of Texas at Austin.