

Rome entrepreneur plans quick talk with president

Meeting: John Dove has lots to tell Clinton in a short head-to-head this afternoon.

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John Dove of Rome may get a few precious seconds to bend President Clinton's ear today.

And he plans to put the seconds to good use.

"Number one, I'll tell him the state and federal governments should work to make our manufacturing capabilities competitive worldwide," he said. "And second, we should show support with more funding to get the technology and techniques out on the market and make them possible. That's the name of the game."



DOVE

Dove, owner of Dove Electronics in Rome, is participating in today's Governor's Conference on the Future of the Economy, in New York City. He will present his concerns about new industries, technologies and markets to a panel of people, including two high-ranking administration members — Labor Secretary Robert Reich and National Economic Adviser Robert Rubin.

Dove will present a five-minute talk during a late-morning panel session, then will meet Clinton later in the day. During his pre-

sentation, he will talk about the need for financial support to help entrepreneurs turn their ideas into products and their products into manufacturing jobs.

"It's fine to have all the great ideas, but it takes money to get these things fabricated," he said. "You have to build them and you have to distribute them. And you need support."

Dove said he will be the "voice of experience" during his discussion, explaining how he needed financial support to get many of his product ideas off the ground.

Dove started his company in 1984 and today specializes in the research, development and fabrication of devices that help measure wind speeds and directions and high-speed communications devices.