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Telework Exchange “A Barrel Saved is a Barrel Earned” Study Showcases U.S. Domestic Oil Self-Sufficiency Opportunity

Telework, the “Other” Fuel: 11.67 Billion Gallon/ 278 Million Barrel Annual Gas Alternative

ALEXANDRIA, Va., January 31, 2006 – The Telework ExchangeSM, an online community focused on eliminating telework gridlock, today announced its “A Barrel Saved is a Barrel Earned” study which quantifies America’s fuel conservation opportunity. By teleworking just two days per week, the U.S. government and white-collar workforce could conserve 11.67 billion gallons of gasoline per year. Telework, the “other” fuel, is available today – with no research and development requirement. It supports President Bush’s directives on reducing American dependence on foreign oil.

The study reveals the Federal government workforce burns 31.1 million gallons of gasoline and that the total U.S. white-collar workforce burns more than 583.3 million gallons of gasoline commuting to and from work each week. If these Americans telework just two days a week, they can conserve 12.4 million and 233.3 million gallons of fuel each week, respectively. This represents an associated annual fuel conservation equivalent to more than 27 percent of the U.S. Strategic Petroleum Reserve.

“The best way to reduce gasoline consumption and dependence is to drive less,” said Stephen W.T. O’Keeffe, executive director of the Telework Exchange. “The ‘other’ fuel for our economy, telework, is a largely untapped resource. It requires no new research and development. The remedy to America’s gasoline addiction is right on our doorstep.”

The Telework Exchange “A Barrel Saved is a Barrel Earned” study is based on a survey of approximately 3,500 Federal government employees registered to the Telework Exchange Web site.

The study is based on the Telework Exchange's Web site registrants' non-personal commuting and teleworking information. To download the full results, please visit www.teleworkexchange.com.

About the Telework Exchange, LLC

The Telework Exchange is an online community focused on demonstrating the tangible value of telework and serving the emerging educational and communication requirements of the Federal teleworker community. The organization facilitates communication among Federal teleworkers, telework managers, and IT professionals. For more information on Telework Exchange, please visit www.teleworkexchange.com.