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**Telework Exchange Showcases Federal Telework Dividends, Builds Online  
Federal Telework Community, and Tracks Agencies’ Telework Progress**

*Congressman Davis (R-Va.) Lauds Public-Private Partnership*

*Empowers Feds to Understand Their Personal Cost of Commuting as Percentage of After-tax Income*

**Washington, D.C., April 5, 2005** – FOSE – The Telework Exchange<sup>SM</sup>, a new public-private partnership focused on eliminating telework gridlock, today unveiled [www.teleworkexchange.org](http://www.teleworkexchange.org), an online community focused on demonstrating the tangible value of Federal telework initiatives, serving the emerging education and communications requirements of the Federal teleworker community, and measuring Federal agencies’ progress on telework requirements. The Telework Exchange announced Intel Corporation, CDW-G, Citrix, and Juniper Networks as founding industry members.

“The updated CDW-G Federal Telework Report – ‘Telework: This Time it’s Serious’ – underscores that Federal telework initiatives remain gridlocked,” said Congressman Davis, Chairman of the House Government Reform Committee. “The Telework Exchange harnesses the power of industry to get this initiative into gear. We applaud Intel, Citrix, Juniper Networks, and CDW-G for coming together to support this innovative initiative. And, we congratulate the Office of Personnel Management and the Office of Management and Budget for their visionary stance in supporting greater insight into Federal agencies’ progress on implementing telework operations.”

Taking a leading role in driving telework within the Federal government, Chairman Davis advocates changing the failing telework status quo. Supporting tougher reporting requirements, Davis asserts that rather than agencies justifying which personnel are eligible for telework, they

should be required to justify who is ineligible and explain why. Seeing beyond the typical telework advantages, Davis has championed continuity of operations as an important benefit of Federal telework.

“As a West Virginia resident, I understand the commuting challenges as well as any,” said Karen Evans, administrator of the Office of Electronic Government and Information Technology (IT) at the Office of Management and Budget. “The Federal government is facing retention and recruiting challenges – and IT can help. The technology to support telework is here today. The time is now for telework.”

“The Office of Personnel Management is leading the effort to ensure maximum utilization of telework by Federal employees,” said Dan G. Blair, acting director, U.S. Office of Personnel Management. “Attendance at Telework conferences, seminars, and webinars has steadily increased in the last three years. Those Federal employees who take advantage of telework can forget about their commutes and concentrate on their jobs.”

The Telework Exchange community features a series of Telework value calculators that tally the cost of Federal commuting. The calculators draw on Telework Consortium and Department of Energy translation ratios to quantify potential telework benefits. Specifically, the site features two calculators – potential cost savings and environmental impact. Federal employees can register on the site and log the number of roundtrip miles they commute to work or avoided commuting by teleworking, the number of days they work, the type of car they drive, and their agency affiliation. The calculators automatically compute the potential cost savings and environmental benefits associated with Federal telework. The calculators empower Federal employees to understand their personal cost of commuting – as a raw figure and a percentage of after-tax income – as well as to understand how many tons of pollutants they are pumping into the environment each day as they travel to and from work. Starting in May 2005, the Telework Exchange will leverage registration information to publish a third Telework Dividend calculator, which will quantify actual Federal telework savings. Importantly, the Telework Dividend calculator will provide the first metrics to track the relative performance of Federal agencies in meeting the mandated requirement to support Federal telework operating models.

In addition to the calculators, the Telework Exchange will feature a host of online resources to support the Federal teleworker community, including:

- *The Water Cooler*: A collaboration and discussion platform designed to empower Federal personnel to discuss issues and share best practices. The Water Cooler will come online in the coming weeks
- *Resource Center*: A repository of useful tools, including a hosting platform for educational sessions. The resource center will come online in the coming weeks
- *The Teleworker*: A news resource reporting exclusively on Federal telework. *The Teleworker* will come online in the coming weeks

In addition, the Telework Exchange will organize an advisory board focused on establishing telework as a mainstream Federal work practice. The Telework Exchange advisory board will include representatives from House Science-State-Justice-Commerce Subcommittee, House Government Reform Committee, Office of Personnel Management, Office of Management and Budget, and industry.

“Information technology has replaced the automobile as the engine powering today’s public and private sector economies,” said Alfred Toussaint, Federal marketing manager, Intel Corporation. “The convergence of mobile computing and communication, coupled with the availability of secure broadband wireless access is empowering today’s government workers and their agencies to be more flexible and agile – securely connected anywhere anytime, to be more efficient and productive in their mission achievement, and more responsive to the citizens they serve.”

The Telework Exchange is funded by private industry, not appropriated tax payer funds. O’Keeffe & Company, an events and marketing firm, will manage the Telework Exchange.

### **About the Telework Exchange**

The Telework Exchange is an online community focused on demonstrating the tangible value of telework and serving the emerging education and communication requirements of the Federal teleworker community. The organization will facilitate communications among Federal teleworkers, government, and industry advisors. For more information on the Telework Exchange, please visit [www.teleworkexchange.org](http://www.teleworkexchange.org).