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Federal Telework Leaders and Industry Come Together at Telework Exchange Town Hall Meeting

Telework Exchange Tele-Vision Awards Ceremony Recognize Arizona Department of Administration, Federal Aviation Administration, Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration, and United States Patent and Trademark Office

ALEXANDRIA, Va., June 16, 2006 – Telework ExchangeSM, a public-private partnership focused on eliminating telework gridlock, hosted its first Town Hall Meeting and announced the winners of the 2006 Tele-Vision Awards yesterday at the Ronald Reagan Building and International Trade Center in Washington, D.C. The first conference focused on enabling public-private collaboration on Federal telework, the Telework Exchange Town Hall Meeting attracted some 200 qualified leaders from government and industry. Town Hall Meeting and awards ceremony pictures can be viewed at www.teleworkexchange.com/townhallmeeting.

Key Federal speakers included:

- Deborah Cohn, Deputy Commissioner for Trademark Operations, United States Patent and Trademark Office
- Mark Fuhring, Assistant Deputy Chief of Staff for Personnel, United States Army Communications Electronics Lifecycle Management Command
- Dave Jarrell, Critical Infrastructure Protection Manager, Office of the CIO, Department of Commerce
- Linda Koontz, Director of Information Management Issues, Government Accountability Office
- Theresa Noll, Senior Telework Program Analyst, General Services Administration
- Jack Penkoske, Director, Manpower, Personnel, and Security, Defense Information Systems Agency
- Ronald Simmons, Knowledge Management Officer and Technical Advisor, Federal Aviation Administration
- Ben Trapp, Assistant Director, Client Services,

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Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration

Eric Dunham, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Real Property Management, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration, hosted the Telework Exchange Tele-Vision Awards reception. The awards highlight programs with multiple stakeholders that support strategic agency goals and objectives, leverage industry standards and best practices, and demonstrate sound, sustainable approaches to telework.

The Telework Exchange recognized winners in five categories:

- **Excellence in Telework Leadership**
Organization: Treasury Inspector General for Tax Administration
Program: Telecommuting Program
- **Innovative Application of Technology to Support Telework**
Organization: Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation (FDIC)
Program: FDIC Telework Program
- **Best New Telework Initiative**
Organization: Federal Aviation Administration
Program: Flights Standards, Western Pacific Region, San Francisco International Field Office
- **Telework Program with Maximum Impact on Government**
Organization: United States Patent and Trademark Office
Program: Trademark Work at Home Program
- **Excellence in State Program Leadership**
Organization: Arizona Department of Administration
Program: State of Arizona Telework Program

“The Tele-Vision Award winners provide other Federal agencies with a proven map to negotiate out of telework gridlock,” said Eric Dunham, Acting Deputy Associate Administrator for Real Property Management, Office of Governmentwide Policy, General Services Administration. “From continuity of operations to recruitment and retention – telework is a critical plank in agencies’ future standard operating procedures. We need to identify and embrace best practices if the Federal government is going to achieve success in accelerating telework deployment.”

“Attendee registration and importantly their level of engagement at the first Town Hall Meeting underscores telework’s increasing momentum in the Federal community,” said Stephen W.T. O’Keeffe, Executive Director, Telework Exchange. “We applaud the Tele-Vision Award

winners and all the attendees at the Town Hall Meeting. Agencies are clearly putting telework into drive. We encourage other agencies to take inspiration and best practices from these leaders.”

To download speaker presentations and event materials, please visit www.teleworkexchange.com/townhallmeeting.

About Telework Exchange, LLC

Telework Exchange is a public-private partnership 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