President's Information Technology Advisory Committee to examine Federal IT R&D Investments and Discuss Future Investment Priorities, (May 10, 2001)

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The President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) will be meeting in Arlington, VA on Thursday, May 10 and Friday, May 11 to examine specific aspects of the current Federal Information Technology Research and Development Program and discuss the future Federal role in capturing the full potential of IT to help our economy grow.

The Committee will hold its public session on May 10 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. at the National Science Foundation (NSF) in Room II-555, continuing its efforts to identify those key areas where the Federal government should play an active role in information technology (IT) research and development. Specifically, it will focus on the four areas it identified in its 1999 report, *Information Technology Research: Investing in Our Future* -- Software, High Performance Computing, Infrastructure, and Socio-Economic Challenges. Over the two days, the Committee will be hearing from both Federal agency representatives and outside IT experts on the current Federal research portfolio and how it has been influenced by the Committee's recommendations. These discussions will also emphasize the investments that are needed for critical new research in information technology. The Thursday session will specifically highlight the Software research area and conclude with a report from the PITAC Individual Security panel.

In addition, Representative Sherwood Boehlert (R-NY) will be joining the Committee during this session for a round table discussion on S&T issues, future investments in R&D and his plans as the new Chair of the House Committee on Science.

On Friday, May 11, the Advisory Committee will continue its public meeting from 8:00 a.m. until 1:00 p.m. at NSF in Room II-555, beginning its day with a report from its National Security panel. It will then shift its focus to the IT research challenges that are

facing the Infrastructure/Networking, Socio-Economic, and High Performance Computing technology areas.

For further details, including a full agenda for the May meeting, please contact the National Coordination Office for Information Technology Research and Development at (703) 292-ITRD (4873) or check our website at http://www.nitrd.gov/ac.

The President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) was established on February 11, 1997 to provide the President, the Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Federal agencies involved in IT R&D with guidance and advice on all areas of high performance computing, communications, and information technologies. Representing the research, education, and library communities and including network providers and representatives from critical industries, the Committee guides the Administration's efforts to accelerate development and adoption of information technologies vital for American prosperity in the 21st century.