President's Information Technology Advisory Committee to Meet and Discuss Their Transformation Reports and Strategize on Future Federal IT R&D Investments, (February 7-8, 2001)

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The President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) will be meeting in Washington, DC on Wednesday, February 7 and Thursday, February 8 to discuss the next generation of priorities for Federal IT R&D investments and to review their three latest IT reports. These reports, which will be available in hardcopy by mid-March, examine specific aspects of the current Federal information technology research and development agenda and offer recommendations on how to capture the full potential of IT in the areas of healthcare, digital libraries and learning.

The Committee will begin its public session on February 7 from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. at the National Science Foundation (NSF) in Room 1235 with briefings on Cyber Infrastructure issues and Individual Security, as well as a presentation from the PITAC Digital Libraries panel.

On **Thursday, February 8**, the Advisory Committee will continue its public meeting **from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. at NSF in Room 1235**. The Committee will continue to focus on the new PITAC reports, which explore the R&D investment and policy requirements necessary for transforming the way we live, learn, work, and play through IT. Specifically, the committee will be hearing from its panels on the Digital Divide, Transforming Learning, Transforming Health Care, International Issues, Next Generation Wireless and National Security. In addition, the Committee will be discussing its plans to update its 1999 report, Information Technology Research: Investing in Our Future.

The first two reports in the transformation series, Transforming Access To Government Through Information Technology and Open Source Software were released in the fall of

2000.

For further details, including a full agenda for the February 7th and 8th meetings, 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 by Executive Order on February 11, 1997. PITAC was established to provide the President, Congress, and the Federal agencies involved in IT R&D with guidance and advice on all areas of high performance computing, communications, and information technologies. The committee consists of IT experts from academia, industry, and the nonprofit sector.