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Federal CIO Council Meets in Austin with Worldwide IT Leaders

WASHINGTON – In conjunction with the 2006 World Congress on Information Technology being held next week in Austin, Texas, the Federal government’s top information technology officers will meet with their counterparts from governments and companies from around the world to exchange best practices, and OMB Deputy Director for Management Clay Johnson will demonstrate the new ExpectMore.gov website which provides detailed information on agency and program performance.

The U.S. delegation will be led by Johnson and OMB’s Administrator for E-government and Information Technology Karen Evans. Johnson chairs the Federal Chief Information Officer Council, composed of top agency IT professionals, and Evans directs the council’s activities. Council members will meet with the top IT officials from the United Kingdom, Canada, Mexico, and other countries.

Topics to be addressed include the U.S. strategy for improving information dissemination, health information technology, privacy and security issues, and demonstrations of innovative e-government solutions developed by the Federal government, including:

- A demonstration by Johnson of ExpectMore.gov, a new website which provides information about how the Federal government is working to ensure its programs work better – where we are successful, where we fall short, and what we are doing to ensure that we make taxpayer dollars go further every year;
- A discussion by Martha Dorris, Deputy Associate Administrator for Citizen Services, of FirstGov.gov, the U.S. government’s official Web portal, and USA Services, a Federal e-government initiative that helps all agencies improve their citizen customer service; and,
- A discussion by David M. Wennergren, CIO of the Department of the Navy and co-chair of the Federal CIO Council, on the Council’s future activities.

While in Austin, Evans will also hold the first-ever “quadrilateral” CIO meeting with her counterparts from Canada, the United Kingdom, and Australia to discuss shared challenges, including measures to ensure the integrity of government information, transactions and services, best practices in realizing benefits from IT-enabled investments and service transformation, and identity management at a high enterprise-wide level.

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