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**MICROSOFT PRAISES INITIATIVE TO FOSTER ADVANCED TECHNOLOGIES
FOR EDUCATION AND TRAINING**

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Microsoft strongly supports the announcement today of a new federal interagency working group to promote advanced technologies in education and training. This effort will build on the collaboration underway between government, industry and academia to identify promising strategies for incorporating cutting-edge technology in education and training. At Microsoft, we are passionate about the power of technology to help people realize their potential. Microsoft looks forward to working in partnership with this new task force to provide American workers with the technical skills and abilities they need to harness this potential and compete in the workforce of the 21st century.

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