



Federal Chief Information Officers Council

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MEMORANDUM FOR Chief Information Officers

FROM: Karen S. Evans /s/ Karen S. Evans
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SUBJECT: Memorandum of Understanding between the
Federal Chief Information Officers Council and the
National Academy Foundation

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On November 21, 2002, Laura L. Callahan, Ph.D. and Ira L. Hobbs, Co-Chairs of our Workforce and Human Capital for Information Technology (IT) Committee executed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with John Ferrandino, President of the National Academy Foundation (NAF) to sponsor the Academies of Information Technology (AOIT) for high school students nationwide. The formal signing took place at a ceremony for the induction of sixty-two students into the AOIT at Eleanor Roosevelt High School in Greenbelt, Maryland.

As a non-profit, educational organization, the NAF AOIT prepares high school students to meet the challenges of secondary education and assume future careers in information technology. Currently, the NAF network includes 528 academies of which 95 are dedicated to the information technology industry. The Federal Chief Information Officers (CIO) Council joins the Department of Commerce, and a distinguished list of Fortune 100 companies, small businesses, state and local governments, and three other Federal government partners in recognizing the opportunity this partnership provides to expose students to IT careers in the Federal government.

This MOU will be in force for three years from the date of signing. We anticipate that each CIO will champion this partnership within their agency. With your commitment and support, we have an opportunity to meet our future human capital IT workforce needs, while ensuring that no child is left behind.

We request that each Council agency support the MOU in the following manner:

1. Advocate for the program within your agency, linking it to appropriate agency initiatives.
2. Contact NAF participating schools in your area to establish working relationships.
3. Serve as guest speakers for Academy IT classes.
4. Encourage IT professionals to provide shadowing opportunities for area high school students.
5. Offer to serve on local advisory boards.
6. Award summer and full year internships to competitive students.

Additional information is found on the NAF website: <http://www.naf.org>. A copy of the newly executed MOU is attached.

You may contact Alethea Long-Green, Office of Human Resources Management, Director for Office of Management and Administrative Support, Department of Commerce, on 202-482-4451 with any concerns.

Attachment