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NEWS RELEASE from:

**U.S. General Services Administration
Center for Information Technology Accommodation (CITA)
Assistive Technology Showcase**

February 2007 Assistive Technology Day with Audio Conferencing Available!

On February 22, 2007 the Assistive Technology Day event will provide participants with an opportunity to learn about Microsoft's new operating system, Vista. Come to GSA and hear about the new and enhanced accessibility settings and programs that make it easier for computer users to see, hear, and use their computers. Microsoft invested more than three years of research to better understand the needs of people who experience a wide range of physical challenges that can impact their computer use. The accessibility settings and programs in Windows Vista are particularly helpful to people with visual difficulties, hearing loss, pain in their hands or arms, or reasoning and cognitive issues.

This is an opportunity to meet with Mr. Edward Leary, Microsoft Windows Client & Accessibility Specialist, to learn how this new operating system will enable persons with disabilities to continue to work productively. If your agency or company is considering installing Microsoft Vista, you should take this opportunity to learn about these features and ask questions needed to ensure employees will be able to use this operating system without concern of being excluded in the workplace.

Microsoft will provide to participants a Vista Accessibility Demo CD which will assist them in better understanding the new features in Windows Vista and use Closed Caption Videos to demonstrate how to use the accessibility features. Demonstrations include: Ease of Access Center, Speech Recognition, Magnifier, Narrator, On-Screen Keyboard, Keyboard Shortcuts, Mouse Keys, Sticky Keys, Visual Notifications, Captions, and Replacement for SerialKeys.

This event is free and no registration is required. The length of the demonstration is one hour, starting at 9:00 a.m. and running continuously throughout the day until 3:00 p.m. This event was designed for you to spend one hour to learn about this suite of technologies.

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SIGN LANGUAGE INTERPRETERS AND ASSISTIVE LISTENING DEVICES: There will be sign language interpreters during the demonstrations from 10:00 a.m. to noon. Assistive listening devices will be available from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

CAPTIONING SERVICES: There will be captioning during the 1:00 and 2:00 p.m. presentations.

AUDIO CONFERENCING: In order to meet the needs of people not in the Washington, D.C., area who would like to listen to the presentation, audio conferencing will be available for the 1:00 p.m. and 2:00 p.m. (EST) presentations. Please contact Marilyn Estep at marilyn.estep@gsa.gov for information to participate in this audio conference, doing this as quickly as possible so that the Vista Accessibility Demo set can be sent to you before the day of the event.

DATE: Thursday, February 22, 2007

TIME: 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. (presentation times: 9:00, 10:00, 11:00, noon, 1:00, and 2:00)

LOCATION: U.S. General Services Administration (Central Office)
1800 F. Street, NW
Room 1216
Washington, DC 20405

For further information please contact Marilyn Estep, 202-501-3322 (voice) 202-501-2010 (TDD), or email: marilyn.estep@gsa.gov.

Who Can Attend: Government employees and nongovernment employees and individuals interested in technology for persons with disabilities.

Security Information: All government employees with government IDs can proceed through security checking station; nongovernment employees will have to sign in and have a CITA employee escort them to room 1216 (the guard will call CITA for assistance). Please allow 10 to 15 minutes before the presentation of your choice to get through security and be escorted to room 1216.

Transportation: Take the Metro Orange or Blue line to Farragut West, exit the Metro on the 18th street side and walk south on 18th street about 4 blocks. GSA is on the corner of 18th and F streets. Main entrance is at the middle of the building on F Street.

Parking: There are two parking garages on 18th street, one on the right and one on the left just as you pass F Street, between F and G streets.

Disclaimer: GSA, CITA does not endorse the products mentioned above or any other products displayed or demonstrated in their Assistive Technology Showcase. All references to products are solely for the purpose of educating the workforce on assistive technology products for people with disabilities and musculoskeletal disorders.

Notice Regarding Cancellation of the Event Due to the Weather: If the Federal Government is closed due to weather conditions, this event is canceled. If the Federal Government is open with unscheduled leave, delayed arrival, etc., please call Marilyn Estep on 202-253-1223 (mobile phone) after 7:00 a.m. for information regarding whether this event will still be provided at GSA.