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Telework Exchange Applauds Congress' Introduction of the Telework Improvements Act of 2009

ALEXANDRIA, Va., March 26, 2009 – Telework ExchangeSM, a public-private partnership focused on promoting telework, applauds the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate on introducing the Telework Improvements Act of 2009. The proposed legislation focuses on improving telework in the Federal government and calls for agencies to create telework programs that allow employees to telework at least 20 percent of the hours in every two administrative work weeks.

Representatives Sarbanes (D-MD), Connolly (D-VA), and Wolf (R-VA) introduced the Telework Improvements Act of 2009 in the House of Representatives. Senators Akaka (D-HI) and Voinovich (R-OH) introduced the companion bill in the Senate.

“Telework is a viable option for business operations – it is a critical plank in business continuity, recruitment and retention, employee productivity, and work/life balance,” said Cindy Auten, general manager, Telework Exchange. “The Telework Improvements Act of 2009 is an important step in implementing successful Federal telework programs and we applaud Congress for introducing this legislation.”

The introduction of this bill comes at a time when Federal executives will soon converge to discuss the future of government telework at the Telework Exchange Spring Town Hall Meeting on April 8th at the Ronald Reagan Building. This event will focus on how Federal agencies are advancing current telework programs, utilizing existing resources to build a telework program, and investing wisely in telework programs. To register to attend the Telework Exchange Spring Town

Hall Meeting or for more details on the event program, visit www.teleworkexchange.com/townhallmeeting.

About Telework Exchange, LLC

Telework Exchange is a public-private partnership focused on demonstrating the tangible value of telework and serving the emerging educational and communication requirements of the Federal teleworker community. The organization facilitates communication among Federal teleworkers, telework managers, and IT professionals. For more information on Telework Exchange, please visit www.teleworkexchange.com.