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Training

MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION LIST

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SUBJECT: Learning on Demand, InfoTech Worker Training

There will be a meeting on Tuesday, October 21, 1997 from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in Room 231, OEOB to discuss the Learning on Demand initiative, and options to address the worker skills requirements of the information technology industry. Please call our assistant, Gay Joshlyn at 456-2801 if you need to be cleared into the building or if you are not able to attend the meeting.

On Learning on Demand, agencies should have white papers on the topics we discussed in the last meeting. Agencies should feel free to make contributions to all of these topics even if they are not the "lead agency" on the white paper. All agencies should bring suggestions on groups and people to talk to for outreach.

1. **Remove legal barriers to distance learning that may exist in current financial aid laws [Education]**
2. **Promote the development of high-quality instructional software through grants to consortia of industry, universities, labor unions, and software developers - particularly in areas such as basic and remedial skills [All]**
3. **Make the government a cutting-edge user of technology-based training [DoD]**
4. **Invest in longer-term R&D to improve the "state-of-the-art" for learning software and to conduct evaluation [OSTP]**
5. **Expand "America's Training Network" so that firms and workers can easily discover training that meets their needs [Labor]**
6. **Target the "working poor" for technology-based career development and training opportunities [Labor]**
7. **Encourage dissemination of federally-sponsored computer-based training [Labor/DoD]**
8. **Promote linkages between certification and skill standards and technology-based training [Labor]**

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