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Subject: Disability Awareness Month Activities

Here's an update on proposed activities for the month of October. I'm also attaching a description of the SBA/SSA MOU.



Revised Dis Month Events SBA MOU.do

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RE: SSA/SBA MOU October Signing Event

The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with The Small Business Administration and The Social Security Administration grew out of both agencies' membership on The President's Task Force on Employment of People with Disabilities, Committee on Economic Incentives and Entrepreneurship.

SSA provides millions of disabled people with economic stability through its Social Security Disability Insurance Program and Supplemental Security Income Program (SSI). Both programs contain incentives and employment support provisions to help aid recipients move into the workforce as employees or entrepreneurs.

The SBA's Welfare to Work Incentive connects small business owners experiencing labor shortages with organizations that provide job-ready workers, drawn from the ranks of individuals moving from government aid to self-sufficiency, and trains recipients who would like to start their own businesses.

The two agencies are a natural fit. This partnership will alert each filed structure to the existence and strengths of the other. SSA wants to improve its services to the disabled who want to work and SBA has small business owners who cannot satisfy their workforce needs. Establishing a more formal working relationship should help each office to succeed.

In speaking with Administrator Alvarez of the SBA and John Lancaster of The President's Task Force, we would very much like to have a formal signing of this MOU in October, Americans With Disabilities Month, to be held at The White House with The President as witness to this wonderful partnership of agencies to improve the status of Americans with disabilities.

As White House Liaison I have been assigned the task of moving this along and have already given you some proposed dates. I anxiously await your reply.