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Microsoft to Participate in Cloud Computing Panel at Upcoming CIO Government Summit

May 14, 2010 – The CIO Government Summit team announced today that Microsoft will be represented at the upcoming government IT event and plans to participate in the panel discussion, “Head in the Cloud?” The CIO Government Summit is a premiere educational event for CIOs and Senior IT executives in the government sector. In addition to panel discussions, the event also includes case studies sessions, keynote presentations and executive thought-leadership sessions on the latest technology trends.

Stan Freck, Director of Cloud Computing for the U.S. Public Sector at Microsoft, will be attending the upcoming event, which will be held May 23-26, 2010. Freck will participate in the “Head in the Cloud?” panel discussion, which will explore various aspects of cloud computing and SaaS: the economic and operational advantages, the differences between internal and client facing applications, security considerations, IT infrastructure elements and processes, and management best practices.

“Cloud computing is one of the fastest growing technology trends that we’ve seen in the government sector in a long time. However, IT executives have to weigh the cost benefits along with the possible security concerns. Stan Freck is sure to bring a lot of insight and innovative ideas to the panel discussion as Microsoft is a leader in cloud computing technology,” said Mark Southam, Event Director, CIO Government Summit.

The CIO Government Summit will be held at the InterContinental Montelucia Resort in Scottsdale, AZ, a business-oriented but relaxed atmosphere that will allow attending CIOs and IT executives to have pertinent discussions on the technology issues that they are currently facing within their city, state and local governments.

If you are interested in participating in the CIO Government Summit, please contact Mark Southam, Event Director, CIO Government Summit at 808-694-3654 or mark.southam@cdmmedia.com. For more information about the event, please visit <http://www.ciogovernmentsummit.com/>.

About Microsoft

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About CIO Government Summit

The CIO Government Summit will be hosted May 23 -26, 2010 in Scottsdale, AZ. The summit is designed to provide an educational and content focused forum for North America's IT executives in state and local government. CIOs, C-level IT executives and IT decision makers that attend the CIO Government Summit will participate in a strategic three day agenda filled with workshops, case studies and keynote presentations surrounding industry trends and challenges. The CIO Government Summit is organized by the Strategic Business Summit (SBS) division of CDM Media. This SBS division has a reputation of delivering effective, vertical focused events for IT leaders in technology. For more information about the CIO Government Summit, please visit <http://www.ciogovernmentsummit.com/>.

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