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MEMORANDUM FOR AGENCY INFORMATION RESOURCES MANAGEMENT OFFICIALS

SUBJECT: Federation of Government Information Processing  
Councils

In the late 1970's, the Office of Management and Budget (OMB), in conjunction with the General Services Administration (GSA), gave informal approval and support for the formation of a national Federation of Government Information Processing Councils (FGIPC). This Federation, which is comprised of local area information processing councils, represents line and staff management at all levels of government. There are approximately 21 Government information processing councils throughout the 50 United States. Sixteen of these processing councils officially joined together in 1979 to form the FGIPC. Although the councils are primarily inter-governmental, many of their members are Federal employees who are specialists and managers in the field of information processing. The individual councils operate under the auspices of Management Improvement Committees of the various Federal Executive Boards.

OMB and GSA have both had success in working through the Federation to disseminate information and get feedback on various initiatives. Having the Federation review and comment on proposed legislation such as the Paperwork Reduction Act, and policy directives such as OMB circulars and GSA procurement directives helps us to gain a better insight into the probable effects of legislation and directives on field activities. You may also find that the Federation and its member councils can be helpful to your organizations in the field by bringing together information technology managers to share experiences and provide mutual support. These exchanges have proved to be so useful that a sizeable percentage of Federation members defray their own expenses to attend training sessions that are beneficial to the Government.

You may wish to contact Ruben J. Turner, Chairman, Federation of Government Information Processing Councils, P.O. Box 1113, Fair Oaks, CA 95628, to get more detailed information on their goals and future activities. I encourage you to make your field

management staffs aware of this important resource and to give support to your personnel who are members of the FGIPC as well as foster greater participation by others working with information technology.

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