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OFFSHORE OUTSOURCING SYMPOSIUM TO DISCUSS JOBS AND COMPETITIVENESS ON CAPITOL HILL

Washington, DC, December 11, 2003 – The Information Policy Institute is hosting a symposium titled *Offshoring and Outsourcing: What's In America's Best Interest?* at the Longworth House Office Building of Congress (Room 1539) between 8:30 am - 12:30 pm.

As the “jobless recovery” continues, the off-shore outsourcing of jobs by U.S. firms is a hotly contested issue. Jobs for Americans and the competitiveness of American firms may hang in the balance, and protectionist winds are blowing on the hill in statehouses across the country. Experts from academia, industry, government and labor will discuss this phenomenon.

The conference will examine some of the key issues with associated outsourcing and look at some of its consequences: How big of a problem is off-shoring in manufacturing and services? What are the consequences to American competitiveness? Are there national security concerns at stake? How much job loss in the U.S. does it account for? Must we choose between keeping firms competitive in a global economy and preserving American jobs? What are the consequences of failing to act? Is there common ground for labor and industry?

Speakers will include representatives of: labor organizations such as the **AFL-CIO**; industry representatives from firms such as **Intel**, and trade groups such as the **Information Technology Association of America** and the **U.S. Chamber of Commerce**; government, noted academics and think tanks such as the **Progressive Policy Institute**. As the debate gears up and as employment becomes a core issue in the 2004 elections, specialists, business and labor will discuss the problems, promises of and solutions to outsourcing on Capitol Hill.

For a complete list of speakers and the agenda, visit: www.infopolicy.org/offshoringconference.htm.

When: *Thursday, December 11, 2003*
8:30 a.m. – 1:30 pm EST

Where: *1539 Longworth House Office Building*
Washington, D.C.

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