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ITAA Urges Final Congressional Action on R&D Extension

Arlington, VA - The Information Technology Association of America (ITAA) today urged Congress to extend the R&D tax credit, scheduled to expire on June 30, 2004, and adopt modifications to improve its value to the American economy. Both the House and Senate have passed legislation that would extend the R&D credit; ITAA called on Congress to pass a final version adopting modifications contained in the Senate version.

"This is an investment in the future of jobs, economic growth and prosperity for all," said ITAA President Harris N. Miller.

A recent survey of ITAA member companies conducted earlier in the year found:

- 87% of respondents say the R&D tax credit is important to their organizations;
- 45% indicate that without the credit in place some products or whole technologies would not have been funded;
- 50% indicate that R&D work would not have been done in the United States without the credit. That work ranged from \$5 million to over \$100 million per company that would have been performed elsewhere.

The Information Technology Association of America (ITAA) provides global public policy, business networking, and national leadership to promote the continued rapid growth of the IT industry. ITAA consists of over 350 corporate members throughout the U.S., and a global network of 60 countries' IT associations. The Association plays the leading role in issues of IT industry concern including information security, taxes and finance policy, digital intellectual property protection, telecommunications competition, workforce and education, immigration, online privacy and consumer protection, government IT procurement, human resources and e-commerce policy. ITAA members range from the smallest IT start-ups to industry leaders in the Internet, software, IT services, ASP, digital content, systems integration, telecommunications, and enterprise solution fields. For more information visit www.itaa.org.