PLENARY SESSION

"Computing in the 21st Century: Where Will the Jobs Be?"

Keynote Speaker:

Patty Stonesifer Senior Vice President Consumer Division Microsoft Corporation

As Senior Vice President of Microsoft's Consumer Division, Patty Stonesifer is the highest ranking woman at the world's largest software company. She is responsible for the worldwide development, testing and marketing of products for home PC users. With 700 employees reporting to her, the consumer division has an annual revenue of 500 million dollars. Ms. Stonesifer recently served as chief negotiator and was named acting CEO for Dreamworks Interactive, the new venture launched by Steven Spielberg and Microsoft to produce action adventure software.

Prior to being promoted to Senior Vice President, Ms. Stonesifer served as Vice President of Product Support Services. In this role, she led the corporation's effort to take product support to new levels of efficiency while managing phenomenal growth in personnel and service levels. Ms. Stonesifer came to Microsoft from Que Corporation, a top computer book publisher in Indianapolis where she served as editor-in-chief.