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Governor's Chief Technology Advisor to Keynote 'DigiGirly' High-Tech Career Camp for Girls

Chief Information Officer Teri Takai will visit Silicon Valley to deliver the keynote address at the "DigiGirly" high-tech career camp for high school girls. Takai, Governor Schwarzenegger's recently appointed chief technology advisor, will speak to an assembly of more than 70 girls in grades 9 through 12 to highlight career possibilities in the technology industry.

"I am so excited to participate in this seminar to encourage young women, especially at this stage in their education, to look at the many pathways to a rewarding career in technology. We must do everything we can to inspire our female leaders of tomorrow, giving them the exposure, confidence and tools to excel," said Teri Takai. "The top, fastest growing jobs are computer-related, and having a strong foundation in math and science will translate into success in this thriving industry."

The day-long seminar is part of a series being hosted by Microsoft. Details of the address include:

Who: Teri Takai, Chief Information Officer, State of California

Where: Microsoft Silicon Valley Campus
1065 La Avenida, Building 1
Mountain View, CA

Date: March 25, 2008

Time: 2:30 p.m.

In December 2007, Governor Schwarzenegger [appointed Teri Takai](#) as state chief information officer and a member of his cabinet. To more effectively oversee information technology in state government, the governor signed [SB 90](#) in August of 2007 to establish the Office of the State Chief Information Officer as a cabinet-level agency with statutory authority over information technology policy. The office establishes and enforces information technology strategic plans, policies, standards and enterprise architecture, as well as approves information technology projects for all state departments.

Prior to her appointment in California, Takai served as director of the Michigan Department of Information Technology since 2003, where she also served as the state's chief information officer.

Prior to going into state service, Takai worked for the Ford Motor Company for 30 years, where she led the development of the company's information technology strategic plan. Takai also held positions in technology at EDS and Federal-Mogul Corporation. She is past president of the National Association of State Chief Information Officers and currently serves as practitioner chair of the Harvard Policy Group on Network-Enabled Services and Government. Takai was named "Public Official of the Year" by *Governing* magazine in 2005. She received a BA in Mathematics from the University of Michigan and holds a MA in Management from the University of Michigan.

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