

COMPETITIVENESS

I. BETTER MANAGING TECHNOLOGY TO:

- A. Increase efficiency of developing & applying technology to create new products and services and improve existing ones
 - 1. Requires cooperation across a broad base including within industry, among industry, university and government and at community level. New institutions are needed - MCC, MTDI, Job Creation Networks.
 - 2. Achieve equitable technology flows between the U.S. and other countries
 - a. Expand utilization by U.S. of foreign technology
 - b. Develop system to inventory & track technology transfer

II. LOWER COST, HIGHER QUALITY, MORE RESPONSIVE MANUFACTURING

- A. Advanced Integrated Manufacturing Center services

III. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- A. Community-based economic development
- B. Better marketing & processing food closer to the farm
- C. Develop technology for viable family farms

IV. VASTLY IMPROVE EDUCATION & TRAINING

- A. Computer-based education delivery as a primary mode of instruction
- B. More relevant curriculum and motivated students
- C. Universal teacher & student testing.

COMPETITIVENESS PROGRAM

I. TECHNOLOGY

- Expand cooperation to greatly improve efficiency of R&D.
- Increase use of foreign technology.
- Achieve equitable flows between U.S. and foreign countries.

II. MANUFACTURING

- Lower cost, higher quality, more responsive manufacturing through public/private cooperation.

III. RURAL DEVELOPMENT

- Cut farm production costs and increase number of farms and businesses in rural America through public/private cooperation.

IV. EDUCATION

- Vastly improve education and training.