



The Advantages of High Productivity Growth



February 11, 2004

Dear Friend:

On behalf of the U.S. Department of Labor and the American Enterprise Institute, you are cordially invited to join us at a conference on *The Advantages of High Productivity Growth*, on Wednesday, February 25, 2004 at the American Enterprise Institute, 1150 Seventeenth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C.

This is a follow-up event to the successful October 2002 meeting on *Productivity in the 21st Century* and will once again feature presentations from some of this country's most influential analysts from government, academia and business, including Kathleen P. Utgoff, Commissioner of the Bureau of Labor Statistics; J. Steven Landefeld, Director of the Bureau of Economic Analysis; and Barry P. Bosworth, Senior Fellow of Economic Studies at the Brookings Institution.

The issue could not be more timely. Productivity in the United States grew at an annual rate of 5.3 percent in 2003, and 3.7 percent from 2000 to 2003 —the fastest three-year growth rate in 50 years. This achievement impacts the American economy, making it particularly important to keep productivity in the forefront of the public policy debate. We believe this one-day event will make a significant contribution to that effort.

If you have questions or comments, please call or email Karen M. Czarnecki at the U.S. Department of Labor, (202) 693-6490, czarnecki.karen@dol.gov, or Gordon Gray at the American Enterprise Institute, (202) 862-4873, Ggray@aei.org.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to seeing you on February 25.

Sincerely,

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