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What do we mean when we talk about the "digital divide"?

What are the various dimensions of the divide and the factors that contribute to its existence?

What community and economic development strategies are being employed to bridge the divide?

<p><b>Part 1:</b></p>	<p><b>Technology Workforce Development in Low-Income Communities</b></p>			
	<p>Date: November 9, 2000 8:00 am – 12:00 pm</p>	<p>Place: Federal Reserve Bank of New York 33 Liberty Street (between Nassau &amp; William) 12th Floor Conference Center</p>		
	<p>In the new economy, as businesses have become increasingly reliant on information technology, demand for technologically skilled workers continues to far outpace supply. This conference will focus on strategies for linking low-income individuals to the growing job opportunities in information technology and on the role that financial institutions, not-for-profit organizations, IT companies, and educational institutions can play in this process.</p>			
<p><b>Agenda</b></p>				
<p>8:00-8:30</p>	<p><b>Registration and Breakfast</b></p>			
<p>8:30-8:40</p>	<p><b>Welcome</b> <b>Elizabeth Rodriguez Jackson</b> Community Affairs Officer, Federal Reserve Bank of New York</p>			
<p>8:40-9:00</p>	<p><b>Opening Remarks</b> <b>John Bryant</b> Chairman &amp; CEO, Operation Hope</p>			
<p>9:00-9:30</p>	<p><b>The Digital Divide: An Overview</b></p>			
<p>9:30-10:00</p>	<p><b>Elements of a Successful Community-Wide IT Workforce Development System</b> <b>David Gruber</b> Co-Director, Workforce Strategy Center</p>			
<p>10:00-10:15</p>	<p><b>Break</b></p>			
<p>10:15-12:00</p>	<p><b>Panel: Technology Workforce Development Program Models</b></p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td> <p>Panelists:</p> <p><b>Deborah MacFarlane</b> President and CEO, Per Scholas</p> <p><b>Joe Hawkins</b> Director of Program Management &amp; Coordination, OpNet</p> <p><b>Cynthia Murphy</b> Director, Office of Adult &amp; Continuing Education Borough of Manhattan Community College</p> </td> <td> <p>Respondents:</p> <p><b>Brandon Atkinson</b> Director of Business Development, CitySoft.com</p> <p><b>William Newlin</b> Executive Director, Jacob A. Riis Settlement</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Stephanie Creaturo</b> Associate, JP Morgan</p> </td> </tr> </table>		<p>Panelists:</p> <p><b>Deborah MacFarlane</b> President and CEO, Per Scholas</p> <p><b>Joe Hawkins</b> Director of Program Management &amp; Coordination, OpNet</p> <p><b>Cynthia Murphy</b> Director, Office of Adult &amp; Continuing Education Borough of Manhattan Community College</p>	<p>Respondents:</p> <p><b>Brandon Atkinson</b> Director of Business Development, CitySoft.com</p> <p><b>William Newlin</b> Executive Director, Jacob A. Riis Settlement</p> <p>Moderator: <b>Stephanie Creaturo</b> Associate, JP Morgan</p>
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## Registration Information & Form:

The registration fee is \$25, and advance payment by check is required. Please make checks payable to the Federal Reserve Bank of New York.

Please mail registration forms and checks by October 25, 2000 to:

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