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## **Free Microsoft Training Vouchers Available**

Sunnyvale, Calif.— The NOVA/CONNECT! One-Stop career center in Sunnyvale has been awarded free vouchers to be redeemed by individuals to complete Microsoft online courses and Microsoft business certification exams. The Microsoft *Elevate America* program is a public-private partnership between the State of California and Microsoft Corporation. The purpose of the program is to provide a no-cost opportunity for individuals to increase their technology skills.

NOVA and other one-stops around the state will receive three types of vouchers from Microsoft: Business Worker Vouchers, which are redeemable for free, online training on Microsoft Windows XP, Windows Vista, Office 2003 or Office 2007; Microsoft Business Certification Exam Vouchers, which are designed to enable a user to pursue a no-cost exam to become certified in one Microsoft program, such as Excel, Word or Outlook; and Technical Professional Learning Vouchers, which are intended for customers who are IT professionals interested in acquiring advanced level skills in areas such as web development or database management.

The distribution of vouchers will take place on a first-come, first-served basis through June 8, 2010, or until all vouchers have been claimed. Individuals who are assigned online learning vouchers during this period must “redeem” their vouchers online before June 8, but have 12 months to complete the online learning courses. Individuals who are assigned certification exam vouchers during the distribution period must complete their exam by June 8, 2010.

For information about the *Elevate America* program, go to <http://www.novaworks.org/elevateamerica.html> or contact NOVA at [elevateamerica@novaworks.org](mailto:elevateamerica@novaworks.org). The work2future one-stop in San Jose is also participating in this program and may be reached at (408) 794-1100.

**About:**

NOVA (North Valley Job Training Consortium) is a nonprofit, federally funded organization dedicated to providing innovative, high-quality, customer-focused workforce development services. NOVA works closely with local businesses, educators and job seekers to ensure that its programs provide opportunities that build the knowledge, skills and attitudes necessary to address the workforce needs of Silicon Valley. For more information about NOVA, please visit [www.novaworks.org](http://www.novaworks.org).

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