The purpose of this minitrack is to create awareness and stimulate interest in technology transfer. The U.S. Government is committed to finding innovative ways to foster interactions between the public and private sectors. The following papers discuss state-of-the-art efforts by the federal government to encourage these interactions. The paper by Mermagen, Adler and Post, *Opportunities for International Technology Transfer in the Pacific Rim in Digital Technologies*, describes the way they do business and how they work with the outside world. The paper by Gilfeather, Smith, Sobolewski and Kahaner, *Maui High Performance Computing Center: A Resource for the Pacific Basin*, describes a unique relationship between the Maui High Performance Computing Center, the University of New Mexico and the Asian Technology Information Program.

It is important that we understand this process since the benefits can be significant to all of us, if the government is successful in its role as an advocate for technology transfer and economic development in the Pacific.