

functions — auto-sum, snapshot, and outlining — as the Windows and OS/2 platforms. "Before, we had to do a lot of things very differently to work for the

on System 7.0 and is expected to release the new system software in May.
General Electric Co. appears convinced of features parity among platforms. The Fairfield, Connecticut-based company has signed a deal to move users on Windows, Mac, and OS/2 to Microsoft Word, Excel, and Powerpoint, according to a high-ranking GE official.
"Our first-generation DOS toolkit included OfficeWriter and Supercalc," the official noted. "When we decided to go to the next step of software with modern interfaces, we went with Microsoft products."

Industry Professionals Form Group to Protect Users' Privacy Rights

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BURLINGAME, CA — Asserting that U.S. laws have not kept pace with new information practices, computer professionals met here to establish the United States Privacy Council to strengthen privacy rights in the United States.

The group plans to support the establishment of a Data Protection entity; promote the Code of Fair Information Practices; call for re-examination and revision of federal privacy-related laws; and oppose the creation of a national identification card.

A leading Constitutional scholar last week proposed adding an amendment to the U.S. Constitution that would protect First and Fourth Amendment rights for computing and telecommunications media from potential abuses by the government and other institutions.

Speaking at the First Conference on Computers, Freedom & Privacy here last week, professor Laurence H. Tribe proposed that users of computer-based communication be accorded the same protections as those in place for users of the telephone.

Tribe believes innocent bystanders are being ensnared in government investigations of criminal activities on BBSes and networks simply because the legal system doesn't know how to apply Constitutional law in cases involving high technology.

"The Constitution's architecture can too easily come to seem quaintly irrelevant . . . in the world as reconstituted by the microchip," Tribe said. Thus, a new amendment would help the legal system interpret the constitution within a constantly changing technological arena.

While most conference attendees agreed that current laws can be misinterpreted, many felt that existing laws do provide adequate privacy assurances.

"Fundamentally, I believe our rights are already protected," said Esther Dyson, president of EDventure Holdings, in New York. "We need proper interpretation of what we've got rather than a new amendment."

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City Center	5,534,812
South Shore	5,247,900
Western Towns	2,980,356
Total	\$13,763,068

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South Shore	3,341,280
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Total	\$10,174,159

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