Advocacy for American Innovation

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Task Force on American Innovation

The *Task Force on American Innovation*, comprised of organizations from industry, professional groups, and academia, advocates increased federal support for research in the physical sciences and engineering.

Formed in 2004, the Task Force urges strong, sustained increases for research budgets at:

- NSF
- DOE, Office of Science
- NIST
- NASA
- DOD
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• Corporations
• Universities and educational groups
• Professional Societies
• Trade Associations
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Chaired by:

Intel Corporation

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History of Task Force

• Oct. 2005 - Gathering Storm
• Nov. 15, 2005 - Democratic Innovation Agenda
• Dec. 6, 2005 - National Summit – DOC
  – Rep. Frank Wolf (R-VA)
  – Norm Augustine
• Jan. 2006 – American Competitiveness Initiative
• Aug. 9, 2007 - America Competes Act
  – House vote – 367-57
  – Senate vote – unanimous consent
Appropriations Focus

• The President
• The Speaker
• Majority Leader of House
• Majority Leader of the Senate
• Majority Whip
• Appropriations Committee Chairs
• Science Subcommittee Chairs (Appropriations)
• Chair, House Democratic Policy Committee
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Future of the Task Force

1. Perception is that we’ve won, and there’s nothing else to do.

2. Research money is vulnerable
   a. Used to pay for other programs
   b. No powerful political base
   c. Yearly struggle

3. Who will be our champions?
   a. Chairman Bart Gordon (D-TN)
   b. Rep. Vern Ehlers (R-MI)
Future of the Task Force

1. Paul Otellini replaces Craig Barrett
2. Who will join Norm Augustine?
3. How will we keep corporate involvement and add new companies?
4. Who will support Speaker Pelosi?
   a. Chairman David Obey
   b. Chairman George Miller
5. Where are the Republicans?

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Task Force Corporate Members

1. Agilent Technologies
2. Applied Materials
3. Google
4. IBM
5. Infineon
6. Intel
7. Microsoft
8. Northrop Grumman
9. P&G
10. Texas Instruments