



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

National Inventors Hall of Fame

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The screenshot shows the homepage of the Task Force on American Innovation. At the top, there is a navigation bar with links for HOME, ABOUT US, NEWS, INFO CENTER, EVENTS, and REPORTS. The main header features the TFAI logo and the text "Task Force on American Innovation" with the tagline "Securing the future through research in the physical sciences & engineering". Below this is a large banner titled "Point of Agreement" with the subtitle "Invest in basic research" and a photograph of Barack Obama and George W. Bush. The page is divided into several sections: "The Task Force" which describes the alliance of companies, research universities, and scientific societies; "Organizations" featuring the Intel logo; "What's At Stake?" which discusses the importance of basic research for the economy, security, and environment; "Info Center" which provides resources for Congressional staff and the public; "News" with a list of recent articles including "Task Force Leads House FY2010 Research Appropriations" and "House Science Committee Examines Regional Innovation"; and "Visit Us" with social media icons for Facebook and YouTube. A footer at the bottom contains copyright information: "Copyright (c)2008 Task Force on American Innovation | Contact Us | Privacy Policy".

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?

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**



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