



Lobbying for American Innovation

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Task Force on American Innovation

The *Task Force on the Future of American Innovation*, comprised of organizations from industry 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 the National Science Foundation, Department of Energy Office of Science, National Institute of Standards and Technology, and Department of Defense.

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- Corporations
- Universities
- Professional Societies
- Trade Associations

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Chaired by:

Intel Corporation
TechAmerica

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

People

- The Speaker
- Norm Augustine
- Craig Barrett
- Chairman Bart Gordon
- Rep. Frank Wolf
- President Bush
- President Obama

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Appropriations Targets

- Speaker
- Majority Leader of House
- Majority Leader of the Senate
- Majority Whip of the Senate
- Appropriations Committee Chairs
- Science Subcommittee Chairs (Appropriations)
- Energy Subcommittee Chairs

Task Force Corporate Members

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

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?**

Future of the Task Force

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



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