



Invitation to:



Innovation Choke Points

a Briefing Held in Conjunction with the House Congressional R&D Caucus

Opening Remarks will be provided by:

The Hon. Rush Holt (D-NJ)
The Hon. Judy Biggert (R-IL)

Innovation Choke Points: ***What Thwarts U.S. R&D investments, Commercialization, Job Growth and Competitiveness Most?***

**Thursday, July 15, 2010
12:00 p.m. - 1:30 p.m.
B-339 Rayburn House Office Building**



Moderator:
Dr. Mary L. Good
Chairman, ASTRA
Dean, Donaghey School of Engineering & Information Science
University of Arkansas,
Little Rock, AR

A luncheon briefing presented by ASTRA, The Alliance for Science & Technology Research in America and the Science-Engineering-Technology Working Group (SETWG) for the House R&D Caucus.



Richard Bendis
President & CEO
Innovation America
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Congress continues to seek solutions to help the nation regain its lost momentum as the world's most innovative and competitive country. Please join us and participate in a nonpartisan panel discussion with leading experts in business commercialization, small business and entrepreneurship, patent and intellectual property, and innovation measurement and assessment.



Brian Darmody
Assoc. VP, Research & Economic Development
University of Maryland;
President, Association of University Research Parks (AURP)
College Park, MD

Topics covered will include:



Dr. Stuart Graham
Chief Economist
U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO)
Alexandria, VA

- **Overview: Measuring the Decline of U.S. Science Leadership & Where We are Headed** (Shelton)
- **Barriers to Commercialization of R&D Discoveries: The University-Industry Interface — What's Working and What's Not** (Darmody, Johnson)
- **Modernizing America's Intellectual Property System: The Importance of the U.S. Patent & Trademark Office (USPTO) in enabling U.S. Innovation and Competitiveness** (Graham)
- **"Missing in Action": The Role Small Businesses and Entrepreneurs Should be Playing in Reviving the U.S. Innovation Economy** (Bendis)



Wayne Johnson
Member, ASTRA Board of Directors, former VP University Relations Worldwide, Hewlett-Packard Co.
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This briefing is free and open to the public — but space is limited. Luncheon will be available on a first-come, first-served basis.



Dr. R. Duane Shelton
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Please RSVP "YES" ASAP to Robert Boege at rboege@comcast.net to assure your space as well as to identify any accommodation you may need for the event.