



INNOVATION AGENDA

Broadband Deployment. As part of a second stimulus package, Intel supports tax incentives to make affordable and high quality broadband deployment, particularly for wireless technologies, and adoption a reality for all Americans. The Communications Workers of America projects that every \$5 billion invested in this area would create 97,500 direct jobs. We support competitive and technology neutral solutions to solve unserved and underserved areas – the latter through infrastructure build-out that provides greater speed of delivery of downloadable information.

Basic Research & Education. In the next appropriations cycle, Congress and the Administration should fully fund the America Competes Act. The FY08 Omnibus Appropriations Act fell short of commitments made by Congress and the current Administration to bolster science and technology education for K through 12 students and scholarships for individuals pursuing STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) degrees. Fully funding the America Competes Act will create thousands of jobs for researchers and graduate students in the physical sciences.

Develop Green Energy. The Commerce Department's Manufacturing Extension Partnership should be amply funded to help U.S. businesses implement green technologies to become more energy efficient and cost competitive. We are strong proponents of tax incentives for companies to encourage spending on commercial development of new energy efficient products or permit accelerated depreciation on all expenses related to energy conservation.

High Performance Computing (HPC). Government investment in HPC technology will spur tech development and innovation required to solve complex problems in areas such as energy, climate change, and healthcare. HPC investment is a matter of international and industrial competitiveness and will enable critical scientific discoveries, meaning HPC solutions generate economic growth across commercial sectors.

COMPETITIVENESS AGENDA

Export Controls. The Commerce Department should conduct an immediate review of existing export control rules with a view toward eliminating regulation that can deter U.S. innovation and competitiveness. Existing U.S. encryption export controls act as a brake on high tech product development and distribution because they restrict deployment of cryptographic capability in widely available computer, semiconductor, software, telecom and other commodity products.

Health Care IT. A key element of healthcare reform is digitizing health records nationwide to provide multi-billion dollar savings. The government ought to fund efforts to implement interoperable health IT to decrease out-of-pocket expenses for providers and patients as well as improve health care delivery and quality.

Immigration. Policymakers should reform visa and green card policies to better attract the best and brightest professionals from around the world. Specifically, visa limits ought to be lifted for Masters and PhD grads in the STEM fields from U.S. universities.