



America's Innovation Challenge: Innovation Policy & Regional Industry Clusters

Hosted by the **Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings**, the **Information Technology & Innovation Foundation**, and the **Council on Competitiveness**

National Press Club
529 14th Street, NW, Washington, DC 20045
Tuesday, April 22, 2008, 8:00 — 10:00 a.m.

AGENDA

- 8:00 – 8:30 a.m. Breakfast Buffet
- 8:30 – 8:40 a.m. Welcome
Bruce Katz
Vice President and Director, Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings
- Introductory Remarks
Deborah Wince-Smith
President, Council on Competitiveness
- 8:40 – 9:10 a.m. Presentation
- America's Innovation Challenge
Rob Atkinson
President, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation
- National Innovation Foundation
Howard Wial
Economist, Metropolitan Policy Program at Brookings
- Industry Clusters: A New Federal Approach
Karen Mills
President, MMP Group

Blueprint for American Prosperity

Unleashing the Potential of a Metropolitan Nation



9:10 – 9:55 a.m.

Panel Discussion

Moderator: Randall Kempner

Vice President, Regional Innovation, Council on Competitiveness

Emily DeRocco

President, National Center for The American Workforce,
National Association of Manufacturers

Ron Blackwell

Chief Economist, AFL-CIO

Ernest Dianastasis

Managing Director, CAI, Inc.

Ray Scheppach

Executive Director, National Governors Association

Audience Q/A

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Closing Remarks:

Bruce Katz