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The California Institute for Federal Policy Research**

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**“US Innovation and Competitiveness:
Recruiting and Retaining the Best and Brightest Minds”**

A forum on highly-skilled worker immigration policies and their impact on US higher education and employment

Monday, March 27, 2006

Senate Russell Caucus Room

(325 Senate Russell Building)

8:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

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AGENDA

8:30 a.m.	Welcome & Introduction: Lezlee Westine, President, TechNet & Bruce E. Cain, Director, University of California Washington Center
8:35 – 9:05	Key Note Speaker: The Honorable John Snow, Secretary of the Treasury (Invited)
9:05 - 10:20	<p>Panel I: <i>Education: The Foundation of US Competitiveness at Risk</i> This panel will examine what is behind the decline in attracting the best, most talented minds in the world to study in the US and its long-term implications for national security, higher education, and international competitiveness.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stuart Anderson, Executive Director, National Foundation for American Policy (confirmed) • Victor Johnson, Associate Executive Director, National Association of Foreign Student Advisers: Association of International Educators (confirmed) • Debra Stewart, President, Council of Graduate Schools (confirmed) • Ray Orbach, Director of the Office of Science, Dept. of Energy and former Chancellor of UC Riverside (invited) • The Honorable George Miller (D-CA, 7th Congressional District) (invited) <p>Moderator: Robert Berdahl, President-elect of the Association of American Universities</p>
10:30 - 11:45	<p>Panel II: <i>Talent Gap: Maintaining a Skilled Workforce that Advances Innovation and Economic Security</i> The leaders of our nation’s most innovative companies agree that our current immigration system works against US-based innovation and our broader economic security interests. Issues to be discussed include: highly skilled worker visa and legal immigration policies; the challenges US companies face in recruiting and retaining the world’s best minds; the boom in competitive sources of skilled talent overseas; and proposals for immigration reform that will advance economic development, innovation, and job creation.</p> <p>Panel:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Craig R. Barrett, Chairman of the Board, Intel Corporation (invited) • John W. Thompson, Chairman and CEO, Symantec Corporation (Invited) • The Honorable Spencer Abraham (Former Secretary of Energy and US Senator) (invited) • The Honorable Robert W. Goodlatte (R-VA, 6th Congressional District) (invited) • Sandra Boyd, Compete America (confirmed)

	Moderator: TBD
Noon - 1:15 Box Lunches Provided	Lunch Conversation with Policy Makers: <i>The Outlook for Immigration Reform:</i> Evan Thomas, Assistant Managing Editor of Newsweek Magazine will moderate a discussion among Senators Cornyn (confirmed), Specter (invited), Leahy (invited), Alexander (invited), Bingaman (invited), and Kennedy (invited), on immigration legislation that advances US innovation in higher education, employment and economic security. This session will conclude with a 20 minute Press and Audience Q&A.
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