

IEEE-USA President Endorses National Innovation Strategy

WASHINGTON (22 September 2009) -- IEEE-USA President Gordon Day said today that he strongly endorses the "Strategy for American Innovation" released by the White House and discussed by President Barack Obama in a speech yesterday at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy, N.Y.

"IEEE-USA recognizes the vital role that science and technology research and development plays in ensuring U.S. competitiveness, energy independence and national security," Day said. "We are very encouraged by the president's commitment to catalyze breakthroughs in cutting-edge technologies such as clean energy, advanced vehicle technology and information technology for use in health care. Investments in these critical areas will create jobs, spur U.S. prosperity, help reduce greenhouse gases, enhance national security and save lives."

The innovation strategy

(http://www.whitehouse.gov/assets/documents/sept_20_innovation_whitepaper_final.pdf) focuses on three major areas: investing in the building blocks of American innovation; promoting competitive markets that spur productive entrepreneurship; and catalyzing breakthroughs for national priorities.

Obama's remarks are available at http://www.whitehouse.gov/the_press_office/Remarks-by-the-President-on-Innovation-and-Sustainable-Growth-at-Hudson-Valley-Community-College/.

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