

**Government-University-Industry Research Roundtable**  
National Academy of Sciences/National Academy of Engineering/Institute of Medicine  
**COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA, October 25-26, 2000**  
Washington, D.C.

***Sustaining the Vitality of the National Research Enterprise***

**Wednesday Afternoon and Evening, October 25, NAS Building**

Afternoon      GUIRR Issue Group Sessions (NAS Rooms 227, 250, and 280)

5:30 PM        Cocktail Reception

6:00 PM        Dinner

**The Politics of Science and Technology Investments, Past and Future**

Robert Walker, Chairman and CEO, The Wexler Group, and former Chair, Science  
Technology and Space Committee, U.S. House of Representatives  
David Beier, Chief Domestic Policy Advisor, Office of the Vice President (invited)

Open Discussion

8:30 PM        Adjourn

**Thursday Morning, October 26, Lecture Room, NAS Building**

7:30 AM        Continental Breakfast

8:00            Opening Remarks (Bill Joyce)

8:10            **U.S. Research Investments: Communicating the Need for a Strong Portfolio**

Charles Vest, President, MIT  
John McTague, Vice President for Technical Affairs, Ford Motor Company

8:50            Discussion

9:30            **Urgent Science and Engineering Workforce and Education Needs**

Alan G. Merten, President, George Mason University

9:50            Discussion

11:00          Discussion of Issue Group Strategies

Noon            Adjourn Formal Council Session

12:30 PM      **Briefing on Olin Foundation Experiment in Interdisciplinary Engineering  
Education**

David Kerns and Richard Miller, Olin College