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The Ronald Reagan Foundation and Institute Announces Agenda for the First Annual National Security Innovation Base Summit

WASHINGTON, DC - The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute's Center for Peace Through Strength announced the agenda for the first *National Security Innovation Base (NSIB) Summit*. The summit will be hosted at the Reagan Institute's Washington, DC, headquarters on March 14, 2023, and will include a keynote address by Under Secretary William LaPlante, a fireside chat with Senator Mike Rounds, a featured discussion on CHIPS implementation with Commerce officials, and panel conversations on topics ranging from customer demand signals and innovation capital to industry success stories and pioneers in innovation.

The summit will feature a discussion of the inaugural NSIB Report Card – an innovative policy tool developed by the Reagan Institute to measure the effectiveness, productivity, and resilience of our nation's innovation ecosystem and provide recommendations for improvement.

Media who wish to attend the NSIB Summit should RSVP [here](#).

National Security Innovation Base Summit Agenda:

**Agenda subject to change*

8:00am - 8:45am **Registration and Breakfast**

8:45am - 8:50am **Welcome**

- Ms. Rachel Hoff, Policy Director, Ronald Reagan Institute

8:50am - 9:00am **Introductory Remarks**

- Hon. Jim Talent, Former U.S. Senator, Missouri

9:00am - 9:20am **Overview of the NSIB Report Card**

- Ms. Rachel Hoff, Policy Director, Ronald Reagan Institute
- Mr. Eric Snelgrove, CEO, Revere Federal Strategies

9:20am - 10:10am **Lessons from the NSIB Report Card**

- Panelists:
 - Hon. Douglas Bush, U.S. Assistant Secretary of the Army for Acquisition, Logistics and Technology
 - Mr. Sreenivas Ramaswamy, Senior Policy Advisor, Office of the Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce
 - Mr. Raj Shah, Managing Partner, Shield Capital
 - Hon. Mac Thornberry, Former Chair, House Armed Services Committee
- Moderator:
 - Mr. Dale Swartz, Partner, McKinsey and Company

10:25am - 11:10am **Improving Customer Clarity**

- Panelists:
 - Hon. Eric Fanning, President and CEO, Aerospace Industries Association
 - Hon. Ellen Lord, Senior Fellow, Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory
 - Rep. Rob Wittman, U.S. House of Representatives, Virginia's 1st District
- Moderator:
 - Ms. Courtney Kube, Pentagon Correspondent, NBC News

11:15am - 12:00pm **Pioneers in National Security Innovation**

- Panelists:
 - Mr. Joe Laurienti, Founder and CEO, Ursa Major
 - Mr. Eric Levesque, Co-Founder and COO, Strider
 - Mr. Jake Loosarian, CEO and Co-Founder, Gecko Robotics
- Moderator:
 - Ms. Sharon Weinberger, National Security Editor, The Wall Street Journal

12:00pm - 1:00pm **Rooftop Lunch**

1:00pm - 1:45pm **Keynote: A Conversation with The Honorable William LaPlante**

- Introduction:
 - Mr. Roger I. Zakheim, Director, Ronald Reagan Institute
- Remarks:
 - Hon. William LaPlante, U.S. Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition and Sustainment
- Moderator:
 - Ms. Morgan Brennan, Co-Anchor of "Closing Bell: Overtime," CNBC

1:50pm - 2:20pm **Featured Discussion: Renewing America's Technological Leadership**

- Speakers:
 - Dr. Morgan Dwyer, Chief Strategy Officer, CHIPS Program Office, U.S. Department of Commerce
 - Ms. Sara O'Rourke, Head of Operations and Chief of Staff, CHIPS Investment Office, U.S. Department of Commerce
- Moderator:
 - Ms. Yuka Hayashi, Reporter, The Wall Street Journal

2:25pm - 3:10pm **Accessing Innovation Capital**

- Panelists:
 - Mr. Jonathan Burks, Commissioner, Commission on Planning, Programming, Budgeting, and Execution Reform
 - Mr. Michael Madsen, Acting Director, Defense Innovation Unit
 - Mr. Alex Moore, Partner, 8VC
- Moderator:
 - Mr. Marcus Weisgerber, Global Business Editor, Defense One

3:15pm - 4:00pm **Success Stories: Breaking Through Barriers**

- Panelists:
 - Ms. Shannon Clark, Senior Vice President for Federal Research and Development, Palantir Technologies
 - Mr. Andrew Dimitruk, Chief Operations Officer, Shield AI
 - Mr. Matthew Steckman, Chief Revenue Officer, Anduril
- Moderator:
 - Mr. Mark Sullivan, Senior Writer, Fast Company

4:10pm - 4:50pm **Fireside Chat**

- Panelist:
 - Sen. Mike Rounds, U.S. Senate, South Dakota
- Moderator:
 - Ms. Jennifer Griffin, Chief National Security Correspondent, Fox News Channel

5:00pm - 6:00pm **Cocktail Reception**

About the Reagan Foundation and Institute:

The Ronald Reagan Presidential Foundation and Institute is the sole nonprofit organization created by President Reagan charged with continuing his legacy and sharing his principles - individual liberty, economic opportunity, global democracy and national pride. The Foundation is a non-partisan organization which sustains the Ronald Reagan Presidential Library and Museum in Simi Valley, CA, the Reagan Center for Public Affairs, the Presidential Learning Center, The Air Force One Pavilion, the award-winning Discovery Center and the Reagan Institute, which carries out the Foundation's mission in Washington, D.C.

The Reagan Library houses over 55 million pages of Gubernatorial, Presidential and personal papers and over 60,000 gifts and artifacts chronicling the lives of Ronald and Nancy Reagan. It also serves as the final resting place of America's 40th President and former First Lady Nancy Reagan.