



## MEDIA ADVISORY

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### **NPCPC Speaker Series Introduces RIC on March 29**

*Local and Federal Leaders to Discuss Regional Innovation Clusters,  
Economic Development Strategies for Homeland Security*

**Washington, DC** –Join us tonight as the National Capital Planning Commission hosts Meet RIC as part of its ongoing speaker series. We'll introduce the region's newest player: the Homeland Security Regional Innovation Cluster. Regional Innovation Clusters (aka RICs) are geographic concentrations of related firms and industries that do business with each other and create innovative products and technologies that spur job creation and regional economic growth. Well known RICs include California's Silicon Valley and North Carolina's Research Triangle Park.

State and local economic development experts and federal agency leaders will gather in the U.S. Navy Memorial's Burke Theatre to discuss current efforts to seize opportunities presented by the region's growing homeland security industry, including the new DHS Headquarters at Saint Elizabeths.

To RSVP, email [SpeakerSeries@ncpc.gov](mailto:SpeakerSeries@ncpc.gov).

**What:** 2011 NPCPC Speaker Series:  
Meet RIC - Introducing the Homeland Security Regional Innovation Cluster

**When:** Tuesday, March 29, 2010, 6:30 – 8:00 p.m. (followed by Q & A)

**Who:** Introductory Remarks

- L. Preston Bryant, Jr., NPCPC Chairman
- Carol Mitten, Executive Director for Urban Affairs and Headquarters Consolidation, Department of Homeland Security

Moderator

- David Robertson, Executive Director, Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments

Panelists (in order of appearance)

- Barry A.E. Johnson, Senior Advisor & Director of Strategic Initiatives, U.S. Department of Commerce, Economic Development Administration
- Harriet Tregoning, AICP, Director, D.C. Office of Planning
- Terry Holzheimer, FAICP, Director, Arlington Economic Development
- Christian S. Johansson, Secretary, Department of Business & Economic Development, State of Maryland

Closing Remarks

- Dr. Christina Gabriel, Principal Investigator for the Homeland Security Regional Innovation Cluster, Carnegie Mellon University

**Where:** Burke Theatre, Naval Heritage Center at the U.S. Navy Memorial  
701 Pennsylvania Ave, NW, Washington, DC 20004