



Agenda for the i6 Challenge Winners' Conference

Tuesday, October 2, 2012

White House Conference Center
726 Jackson Place, N.W.,
Washington, District of Columbia

- 9:00 am – 9:10 am: **Welcoming Remarks and Review of Agenda**
Nish Acharya, Director of the Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship (OIE)
- 9:10 am – 9:20 am: **i6 and EDA Regional Innovation Strategies**
Matt Erskine, Acting Assistant Secretary for Economic Development, Economic Development Administration (EDA)
- 9:20 am – 9:50 am: **Congressional Update**
Stephen Lehrman, Legislative Assistant, Senator Mark Pryor
- 9:50 am – 10:45 am: **Regional Group Discussions**
Smaller discussions by the winners in each EDA region to share experiences and strategies plus compliance and communication with EDA processes
Facilitator: Gautam Prakash, Senior Policy Advisor, OIE
- 10:45 am – 11:00 am: **Break**
- 11:00 am – 12:15 pm: **Sustaining and Expanding Proof of Concept Centers**
Ten-minute presentations by each of the following leaders followed by discussion:
- Krisztina (Z) Holly, former Director of the University of Southern California Stevens Center for Innovation;
 - Raj Melville, Executive Director, Deshpande Foundation; and
 - Rosibel Ochoa, Director of the von Liebig Entrepreneurism Center at University of California, San Diego
- Facilitator: Nish Acharya, Director, OIE*



- 12:15 pm – 1:15 pm: **Lunch Break**
- 1:15 pm – 3:00 pm: **i6 Proof of Concept Center Presentations**
Five-minute presentations by each winner
Facilitator: Gautam Prakash, Senior Policy Advisor, OIE
- 3:00 pm – 3:45 pm: **The i6 Network: What Can We Accomplish Together?**
Semi-structured discussion about the role of OIE and the i6 Proof of Concept Centers to support proof of concept, innovation, and entrepreneurship. Topics include:
- Greater engagement and support from federal agencies (funding and policies)
 - Thought leadership to improve and expand the proof of concept centers nationwide
- Facilitator: Nish Acharya, Director, OIE*
- 3:45 pm – 4:00 pm: **Break**
- 4:00 pm – 5:15 pm: **Round-robin Discussion**
With program managers from multiple federal agencies having innovation programs
Facilitator: Brandi Parker, Senior Policy Advisor, OIE
- 5:15 pm – 5:30 pm: **Concluding Remarks and Next Steps**
Nish Acharya, Director, OIE