

# Compete Connect

November Edition

## From the CEO's Desk



**Deborah L. Wince-Smith,**  
President and CEO,  
Council on Competitiveness

The Council on Competitiveness hosts in less than two weeks its first in-person [National Competitiveness Forum \(NCF\)](#) in three years. We are heartened so many of our Members and Council community are joining us on December 8<sup>th</sup> for our gala dinner and December 9<sup>th</sup> for the NCF. If you have not yet registered, there is still time. Touch base as soon as possible with Chad Evans ([cevans@compete.org](mailto:cevans@compete.org)) and Bill Bates ([bbates@compete.org](mailto:bbates@compete.org)) for registration details – and plan to join nearly 200 peers and leaders from across the Administration and Congress who will be participating with us, as we review our successes of 2022 and map our policy and action agenda for 2023. Your voice and ideas matter, so do join us in December.

## 2022 National Competitiveness Forum #NCF2022

Participate in the Council's 2022 NCF – both the dinner on December 8<sup>th</sup> and the NCF on the 9<sup>th</sup> will take place at the Willard InterContinental in Washington, DC. Check out the current agenda and our great slate of confirmed speakers [here](#).

In addition to our distinguished Council members, the NCF will welcome critical leaders from across the public sector, including



**The Honorable Gina M. Raimondo**  
Secretary, U.S. Department of Commerce



**Dr. Arati Prabhakar**  
Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, and Assistant to the President for Science and Technology, the White House



**Dr. Erwin Gianchandani** Assistant Director of the Directorate for Technology, Innovation and Partnerships, U.S. National Science Foundation



**Dr. Dietra Trent**  
Executive Director, White House Initiative on Advancing Educational Equity, Excellence, and Economic Opportunity through Historically Black Colleges and Universities

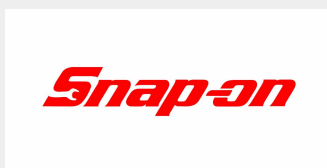


**Mr. Rob McHenry**  
Deputy Director, DARPA



**Dr. Victor Dzau**  
President, National Academy of Medicine

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## News

Council on Competitiveness leadership, members, and key stakeholders participated in the [Global Federation of Competitiveness Councils Global Innovation Summit in Athens and Ioannina, Greece](#)

Led by Chair Emeritus Chad Holliday and President and CEO Deborah Wince-Smith, Council leaders — like University of South Carolina President Michael Amiridis; Director of Pacific Northwest National Laboratory Steve Ashby; Argonne National Laboratory Associate Director Megan Clifford; Chairman of Gallup, Inc. Jim Clifton; Georgetown University Senior Vice President for Research and Chief Technology Officer Spiros Dimolitsas; Council on Competitiveness Executive Vice President Chad Evans; Lockheed Martin Vice President of Internal Audit and Enterprise Risk Christopher Geiger; Texas A&M University Senior Associate Vice Chancellor for Engineering Research; Ancora L&G CEO Josh Parker; Paul Skoutelas, President and CEO, American Public Transportation Association; and, Wethington International LLC Chairman Olin Wethington — focused in an intense, 5-day innovation immersion with key leaders from over 30 nations to develop actions and partnerships to:

1. Change innovation mindsets
2. Understand the dynamics of innovation ecosystems
3. Promote the legal and regulatory frameworks to enable the circulation of innovation-enhancing resources
4. Bolster innovation investments, and
5. Connect innovation assets and stakeholders.

The Council delegation engaged directly not only with GFCC members from dozens of nations, but also with key leaders from across Greece, including: Kostas Bakoyannis, Mayor of Athens; Lucas Papademos, Former Prime Minister of Greece; Dimitris Papastergiou, Mayor of Trikala; Alexis Patelis, Chief Economic Advisor to Greece's Prime Minister; Kostas Skrekas, Minister of the Environment and Energy, Hellenic Republic; Niki Kerameus, Minister of Education & Religious Affairs, Hellenic Republic; Christos Staikouras, Minister of Finance, Hellenic Republic, and many more. Read more [here](#).



GFCC Members at the Academy of Athens, Greece, November 15, 2022

## New Members

The Council is pleased to announce and welcome our new members joining this November:



**Mr. Paul A. Yarossi**  
Board Director, HNTB Holdings Ltd.  
(Commission Member)



**Mr. Paul Skoutelas**  
President and CEO, American Public  
Transport Association (APTA)  
(Commission Member)





**Dr. Gerald Turner**  
President, Southern Methodist University  
(General Membership)

**Dr. Walter Copan**  
Vice President for Research and  
Technology Transfer, Colorado School of  
Mines Initiative  
(TLSI)

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