

Science and Technology Strategic Initiative Joint Study Commission At-A-Glance

Commission Objectives:

1. Inventory Georgia's existing assets in the science and technology sectors to determine current strengths and capabilities.
2. Conduct review of state and national policies to discern best practices and lessons learned with regard to public policy that encourages advancement of the science and technology sectors.
3. Hold meetings around the state to solicit input from science and technology stakeholders, with a specific interest in identifying barriers to growth and progress.
4. Develop specific recommendations with regard to the scope and content of a strategic plan for science and technology in Georgia. Such recommendations shall stipulate what the commission recommends should be excluded from such a plan.

Where Georgia Stands on Key Indicators of Competitiveness

Indicator	Georgia's Rank
US Venture Capital Invested (2010)	17 th
Federal R&D Funding (2007)	23 rd
Per Capita Personal Income (2010)	38 th
Entrepreneurial Activity (2010)	1 st
College Affordability (2010)	23 rd
High Tech as Share of All Businesses (2010)	8 th
State and Local Tax Burden (2010)	19 th

Meeting Schedule: All meetings are open to the public.

Date	Time	Topics	Location
July 20	9:00AM to 4:00PM	Education, data centers and emerging growth companies	Cisco, Atlanta
Aug 16	1:00PM to 5:00PM	Capital, High Growth Potential, Health IT	Georgia State Capitol, Atlanta
Sept 26	10:30 AM to 12:30 PM	Logistics, International Marketplace, Workforce Dev.	Herty, Savannah
Oct 12	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	Infrastructure, Rural Dev., Educational Topics	Tellus Science Museum, Cartersville
Oct 28	10:00 AM – 3:00 PM	Higher Ed, Trad. Industries, Aerospace, Military & Def.	Mercer Univ., Macon
Nov 15	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Telecom, R&D and Commercialization, Bio Sciences	GA Health Sciences Univ., Augusta
Nov 30	1:00 PM – 5:00 PM	Financial Technology, Info Security, Entrepreneurs	TSYS, Columbus
Dec 15	8:00 AM – 12:00 PM	TBD	GTRI, Atlanta
Jan 2012	Publish and submit report to Legislature		

Commission Members:

- Senator Barry Loudermilk, Chair
- Rep. Barbara Sims, Co-Chair
- Senator John Albers
- Mr. Dean Alford, Technical College Systems of Georgia
- Rep. Charlice Byrd
- Mr. Mike Cassidy, Georgia Research Alliance
- Dr. Stephen Cross, Georgia Institute of Technology
- Mr. Steve Dickinson, Merial Limited
- Dr. Gilda Lyon, Georgia Department of Education
- Mr. Tino Mantella, Technology Association of Georgia
- Mr. Calvin Rhodes, Georgia Technology Authority

This study commission was created through Senate Resolution 68 to explore the need for a strategic plan for science and technology in Georgia.