



**President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST)  
Tentative Agenda**

**March 9, 2012**

**Carnegie Endowment for International Peace  
1779 Massachusetts Avenue NW  
Washington, DC**

**Root Room**

**Agenda as of March 1, 2012  
SUBJECT TO CHANGE**

- 10:00 am**      **Welcome from PCAST Co-Chairs**  
*John Holdren*, Assistant to the President for Science and Technology; Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP); Co-Chair, PCAST  
*Eric Lander*, Co-Chair, PCAST
- 10:15 am**      **PCAST Study Updates**
- **Nanotechnology Research and Development**
  - **Future of the U.S. Science and Technology Research Enterprise**
  - **Advancing Innovation in Drug Development and Evaluation**
- 11:45 am**      **Science, Technology, and Innovation at the Department of Agriculture**  
**Speaker: Secretary of Agriculture Tom Vilsack** (accepted)
- 12:15 pm**      **Lunch**
- 1:30 pm**      **Public Comment**
- 2:00 pm**      **Perspective on China and U.S. Competitiveness**  
**Speaker:**  
*Robert D. Atkinson*, President, Information Technology and Innovation Foundation (accepted)  
*Richard P. Suttmeier*, Professor Emeritus, Department of Political Science, University of Oregon (accepted)
- 3:00 pm**      **Adjourn**