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Nancy Pelosi Asks Silicon Valley For Help

U.S. Speaker of the House Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) called upon Silicon Valley leaders on Monday to send Washington their ideas on how the United States can reverse global warming, improve education and health care and rebuild U.S. infrastructure, reported **San Francisco Chronicle**. It continued: Pelosi called for “a massive infusion of resources” into basic biomedical research, investment in electronic health records, preventive medical care and innovations in green technology to create American jobs. [Details.](#)

In related news, an organizational meeting of WCA’s Green Technology Committee will be held be at 2 p.m. on June 11 by conference call. The committee grew out of a successful **WCA 2008** speaker segment in April that featured House Commerce Energy & Air Quality Subcommittee Chairman Rick Boucher, plus the CTOs of Bechtel Communications and Silver Spring Networks. In cooperation with Chairman J.S. (Jake) MacLeod of Bechtel, WCA staff has drafted a website for such a committee, whose main goal would be educational efforts regarding the role of broadband wireless in energy conservation. Those interested in review the site and/or joining the call should contact [Susan Polyakova](#).

WCA Quotation of the Week:

“We have a responsibility to build infrastructure in America ... and to do it in a green way and think in an entrepreneurial way. Our competitors are way ahead of us on this.”

-- U.S. House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA)

Chertoff: Technology Alone Won't Ensure Public Safety Interoperability

Department of Homeland Security Secretary Michael Chertoff said that technology alone will not ensure first-responders from various agencies are able to communicate with each other, stressing the importance of protocols and standards, reported **TR Daily**. It continued: While current "gateway technologies" enable interoperability, "technology by itself is not a magic bullet," Chertoff said. There also is a need for "common languages, common protocol for communications, and common standards," he said. Without these priorities, "no amount of technology" will ensure interoperability, he added. Another DHS official, Jose Vazquez, director-first responder technologies, said governance and training are crucial for successfully implementing interoperability among public safety agencies.

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