

NIST Congressional Testimony

On July 18, 2013, Dr. Charles Romine, Director of the Information Technology Laboratory at NIST testified before the House Committee on Homeland Security Subcommittee on Cybersecurity, Infrastructure Protection and Security Technologies. His testimony was titled "Oversight of Executive Order 13636 and Development of the Cybersecurity Framework". A link to the archived webcast of the hearing is available [here](#). A link to Dr. Romine's written testimony is below.

http://www.nist.gov/director/ocla/upload/NIST-Romine-Cyber_testimony-final.pdf

On July 25, 2013, NIST Director Dr. Patrick Gallagher testified before the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation on "The Partnership between NIST and the Private Sector: Improving Cybersecurity". A link to the archived webcast of the hearing is available [here](#). A link to Dr. Gallagher's written testimony is below.

http://www.nist.gov/director/ocla/upload/NIST-Gallagher-Cyber_testimony-for-7_25_SC-Hearing-FINAL-OMB-CLEARED.pdf

AmTech Funding Opportunity Webinars in August

NIST will host two webinars covering different aspects of the Advanced Manufacturing Technology Consortia (AMTech) program and the recently announced [AMTech funding opportunity](#). Both webinars will provide a brief overview of AMTech and the 2013 funding opportunity. Additionally, the first webinar, [August 15, 2013](#) at 2PM ET, will also review AMTech in the context of Advanced Manufacturing and other NIST programs, the AMTech evaluation criteria and performance metrics, and the evaluation and selection process for AMTech proposals. Interested parties can register for this webinar at:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=1otmxahw28w3>

The second webinar, [August 20, 2013](#) at 2 PM ET, will cover proposal preparation details, budget and administrative requirements, and using grants.gov. Interested parties can register for this webinar at:

<https://cc.readytalk.com/cc/s/registrations/new?cid=v3rvxkfyvcat>.

Both webinars will have a question and answer period. The webinars will also be recorded and available for review on the NIST [AMTech website](#).

MEP Funding Opportunity to Support Alaska's Manufacturers

Through its Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP), NIST will fund a six-month project in support of Alaska's efforts to diversify its manufacturing base. U.S.-based nonprofit institutions or organizations, including state and local governments, are eligible to apply for the \$150,000 award. The awardee will also receive technical assistance and advice from MEP to develop an understanding of the technical needs of small and mid-size manufacturers in Alaska. The project could lead to the creation of a new MEP center in the state to replace the existing center, whose agreement with NIST MEP expires Sept. 30, 2013. The center's board chose not to seek a new agreement.

A link to the full announcement of this program is available [here](#). NIST MEP will hold an information webinar for organizations considering applying to this opportunity. The exact date and time of the webinar will be posted on the MEP website at www.nist.gov/mep.