

NIST Advisory Committee to Meet

NIST's Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology (VCAT) will meet in open session on Tuesday, June 11, 2013 and Wednesday, June 12, 2013 at NIST's Gaithersburg, MD campus. The VCAT, a Federal Advisory Committee, is composed of fifteen members appointed by the Under Secretary of Commerce for Standards and Technology who are eminent in such fields as business, research, new product development, engineering, labor, education, management consulting, environment, and international relations. The purpose of this meeting is for the VCAT to review and make recommendations regarding general policy for NIST, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies as set forth by the President and the Congress. More information on the meeting including the agenda is available in the Federal Register Notice link below.

<https://www.federalregister.gov/articles/2013/05/21/2013-12080/visiting-committee-on-advanced-technology>

NIST Congressional Testimony

On May 21, 2013, Dr. Charles Romine, Director of the Information Technology Laboratory at NIST testified before the House Committee on Science Subcommittee on Research. His testimony reviewed current and future applications of biometric technologies. His written testimony and the archived hearing webcast is accessible via the following link.

<http://science.house.gov/hearing/subcommittee-research-and-subcommittee-technology-joint-hearing-current-and-future>

Also on May 21, 2013, NIST Director Dr. Patrick Gallagher testified before the House Committee on Energy and Commerce on cyber threats and security solutions. His written testimony and the archived hearing webcast is accessible via the following link.

<http://energycommerce.house.gov/hearing/cyber-threats-and-security-solutions>

Secretary of Commerce Nomination Hearing

On May 23, 2013, the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation held a hearing on the nomination of Ms. Penny Pritzker to be Secretary of Commerce. Her written testimony and the archived webcast are available via the following link.

http://www.commerce.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=Hearings&ContentRecord_id=33632e00-0ba4-4e3f-b08d-325962fa7217&ContentType_id=14f995b9-dfa5-407a-9d35-56cc7152a7ed&Group_id=b06c39af-e033-4cba-9221-de668ca1978a