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**Weekly Calendar**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 11, 2013**

**Sequestration**

**Subject:** The Aerospace Industries Association, NDD United and the Task Force for American Innovation, holds a news conference to urge President Obama and Congress to work together to find a balanced, bipartisan permanent solution to the sequestration budget cuts.

**Participants:** Marion Blakey, President and CEO, AIA; Wes Bush, CEO and President, Northrop Grumman Corporation; Emily Holubowich, Executive Director, Coalition for Health Funding; Peter McPherson, President, Association of Public and Land-grant Universities; and Hunter Rawlings, President, Association of American Universities.

**Time and Location:** 9:00 a.m., National Press Club, 14th and F Streets NW, Holeman Lounge, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Dan Stohr, 703-358-1078 or 703-517-8173, dan.stohr@aia-aerospace.org.

**NSF Business Operations**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Science Board's Committee on Education and Human Resources to provide advice concerning issues related to the oversight, integrity, development and enhancement of NSF’s business operations.
**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., NSF, National Science Board Office, 4201 Wilson Boulevard, Arlington, V.A.
**Contact:** Jacqueline Meszaros, 703-292-7000 or 703-292-7000, nationalsciencebrd@nsf.gov.

**Free Enterprise and the Final Frontier**

**Subject:** The U.S. Chamber of Commerce Foundation’s Forum for Innovation and the Space Foundation holds a Business Horizon Series event on "Free Enterprise and the Final Frontier," about the development of new industries and opportunities in commercial space.

**Participants:** Peter Marquez, former Director of Space Policy, National Security Council; and Mead Treadwell, Lieutenant Governor, Alaska.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m., USCC, 1615 H Street NW, Anheuser-Busch Briefing Center, Washington, D.C.
**Contact:** 202-463-5682, press@uschamber.com; or Jamie Glick, jglick@uschamber.com.

**College and Career Readiness**

**Subject:** The Partnership for 21st Century Skills and the National Research Council hosts an event to discuss the alignment of the 21st century competencies highlighted in the recent NRC report with those in which P21 and its coalition recognize as essential for developing student readiness for college, career and citizenship.

**Time and Location:** 12:00 p.m. – 2:00 p.m., US Capitol Visitors Center, Congressional Meeting Room South.

**Contact:** RSVP to aknapp@p21.org.

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 12, 2013**

**State of the Union Address**

**Participant:** President Barack Obama

**Time and Location:** 9:00 p.m., U.S. House of Representatives

**Immigration Reform**

**Subject:** The Senate Judiciary Committee holds a hearing on “Comprehensive Immigration Reform.”

**Witnesses:** Panel I: Janet Napolitano, Secretary, Department of Homeland Security
Panel II: Jose Antonio Vargas, Founder, Define American, New York, NY; Jessica Vaughan, Director of Policy Studies, Center for Immigration Studies, Washington, DC; Steve Case, Chairman and CEO, Revolution, Washington, DC; Chris Crane, President, National Immigration and Customs Enforcement Council 118 of the American Federation of Government Employees, Washington, DC; and Janet Murguía, President and CEO, National Council of La Raza, Washington, DC.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m., 216 Hart Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** For more information go to: http://www.judiciary.senate.gov/hearings/hearing.cfm?id=edb04882c2725d013ec8d198a622e257.

**Budget and Economic Outlook**

**Subject:** The Senate Budget Committee holds a hearing on the Congressional Budget Office’s budget and economic outlook.

**Witness:** Dr. Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m., 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** http://www.budget.senate.gov/democratic/index.cfm/committeehearings?ContentRecord_id=6fcd2f46-3122-423f-94e6-8d6b7257727cf&ContentType_id=14f995b9-dfa5-407a-9d35-56cc7152a7ed&Group_id=d68d31c2-2e75-49fb-a03a-be915cb4550b.
**Student Financial Aid**

**Subject:** The Alliance for Excellent Education hosts a webinar on "A Broken System: Perspectives on Changing Federal Student Aid," to discuss innovations for fixing the federal student financial aid system.

**Participants:** Sandy Baum, PhD, Professor of Economics Emerita, Skidmore College; Kim Cook, Executive Director, National College Access Network; Denise Forte, Deputy Assistant Secretary, Office of Planning, Evaluation and Policy Development, U.S. Department of Education; and Charmaine Mercer, PhD, Vice President of Policy, AEE.

**Time and Location:** 2:00 p.m. – 3:30 p.m.

**Contact:** Register at: [http://media.all4ed.org/registration-feb-12-2013](http://media.all4ed.org/registration-feb-12-2013).

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**National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council**

**Subject:** The National Institutes of Health holds a meeting of the National Heart, Lung, and Blood Advisory Council.

**Time and Location:** 8:00 a.m., NIH, 31 Center Drive, Building 31, Conference Room 10, Bethesda, M.D.

**Contact:** Stephen Mockrin, 301-435-0260, mockrins@nhlbi.nih.gov.

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**Astronomy and Astrophysics**

**Subject:** The National Science Foundation holds a meeting of the Astronomy and Astrophysics Advisory Committee to provide advice and recommendations to the National Science Foundation, the National Aeronautics and Space Administration and the U.S. Department of Energy on issues within the field of astronomy and astrophysics that are of mutual interest and concern to the agencies.

**Time and Location:** 8:30 a.m., NSF, 4221 Wilson Boulevard, Stafford II Building, Room 555, Arlington, V.A.

**Contact:** Jim Ulvestad, 703-292-7165.

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**Artifacts Indemnity**

**Subject:** The National Foundation on the Arts and Humanities, the National Endowment for the Humanities, and the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities holds a meeting of the Arts and Artifacts Indemnity Panel Advisory Committee for panel review, discussion, evaluation, and recommendation of applications for Certificates of Indemnity submitted to the Federal Council on the Arts and the Humanities.

**Time and Location:** 9:30 a.m., Old Post Office Building, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue NW, Room 730, Washington, D.C.

**Contact:** Lisette Voyatzis, 202-606-8322.

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**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 13, 2013**

**Budget and Economic Outlook**

**Subject:** The House Budget Committee holds a hearing on the Congressional Budget Office’s budget and economic outlook.

**Witness:** Dr. Douglas Elmendorf, Director, Congressional Budget Office.

**Time and Location:** 10:00 a.m., 210 Cannon House Office Building.

**Contact:** [http://budget.house.gov/hearingschedule2013/hearing262013.htm](http://budget.house.gov/hearingschedule2013/hearing262013.htm).

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**Impact of Budget**

**Subject:** The Senate Budget Committee holds a hearing on the impact of the budget on families and communities.

**Time and Location:** 10:30 a.m., 608 Dirksen Senate Office Building.

**Contact:** For more information go to: [http://www.budget.senate.gov_democratic/index.cfm/committeehearings?ContentRecord_i](http://www.budget.senate.gov_democratic/index.cfm/committeehearings?ContentRecord_i)
THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 14, 2013

Restoring U.S. Innovative Leadership

Subject: The Information Technology and Innovative Foundation hosts an event to examine how competitive the United States actually is and how we can make America competitive again.

Participants: The Honorable Sherrod Brown (D-OH); Robert D. Atkinson, President, ITIF; Harry E. Figgie, Professor of Business Administration, Harvard Business School; Willy C. Shih Robert, Professor of Management Practice, Harvard Business School; Jane Cizik Professor of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, The National Academies; and Amb. Alan Wolff, Senior Counsel, McKenna Long & Aldridge, LLP.

Time and Location: 9:00 a.m. – 10:45 a.m., Capitol Visitor Center, Room HVC-201, Washington, D.C.

Contact: RSVP at http://itif.org/node/3640/signups.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 15, 2013

None.

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On The Floor This Week

Senate

S.47 – the Violence Against Women Act

House

H.R. 273 – To eliminate the 2013 statutory pay adjustment for Federal employees

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Bills to Watch

FY2013 APPROPRIATIONS

House

Continuing Resolution

FY2013 Continuing Resolution to fund the government until March 27, 2013 (9/22/12 passed by Senate; 9/13/12 passed by House)
Encouraging Innovation and Effective Teachers Act (3/2/12 passed by House Education and the Workforce Committee)

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