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Ronald Reagan Institute to Release Second Annual National Security Innovation Base Report Card

The Report Card will evaluate ten key indicators across the national innovation ecosystem

WASHINGTON, DC – The Ronald Reagan Institute will release its second annual National Security Innovation Base (NSIB) Report Card on March 19, 2024, analyzing the health of our nation’s innovation ecosystem and providing recommendations for improvement. The report card’s findings will guide the conversation at the Reagan Institute’s NSIB Summit on March 20, 2024, in Washington, DC.

The NSIB Report Card is a first-of-its-kind policy tool that measures the effectiveness, productivity, and resilience of America’s innovation ecosystem. Its assessment will grade ten key indicators that are the most diagnostic for analyzing the health of the NSIB. Those indicators include:

- Defense Modernization
- Innovation Leadership
- Pull-Through for Broader National Priorities
- Customer Clarity
- Innovation Capital
- Private Sector Innovation Base
- Public/Civil Innovation Base
- Government Alignment
- International Alliances & Partnerships
- Talent Base

[Last year’s NSIB Report Card](#) painted a mixed picture of the nation’s security innovation system, revealing a need for greater clarity in the demand signal coming from the government as a customer, more efficient deployment of capital investment against innovation priorities, a stronger STEM and skilled-trade workforce, and additional technology-focused international alliances and partnerships. While the United States remains a leader in innovation through its vibrant private sector, the weaknesses identified in the report card persist as areas of grave vulnerability that threaten our competitive advantage and national security.

The March 20 summit will convene leaders across the NSIB ecosystem to discuss the central challenges identified in the report card that the United States faces in maintaining and expanding

its technological edge. It will feature in-person panels and discussions with Members of Congress, executive branch officials, innovative industry and technology companies, investors, national security experts, and other thought leaders.

Media can request credentials for the NSIB Summit [here](#).

About the Reagan Foundation and Institute:

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