

The Innovation Imperative

Fostering Regional Clusters for Innovation



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Current Global Mega-Challenges

- **Fostering Economic Growth through Innovation**
 - Driving domestic Growth and Employment
- **Developing New Sources of Energy**
 - Commercializing renewable alternatives to oil
- **Addressing Climate Change**
 - Growing a Green Economy; A major Growth opportunity
- **Delivering Global Health**
 - Transforming large investments in research to affordable and personalized treatment and care
- **Improving Security**
- **Innovation is key to addressing these challenges**

Leading Countries and Regions look to Innovation to Respond to these Challenges

- They are providing five things:
 - High-level **Focus** on Growth and Strength
 - Sustained **Support** for Universities
 - Rapidly Growing **Funding for Research**
 - Support for Innovative **Small Businesses**
 - Government-Industry **Partnerships** to bring new products and services to market
- They are investing very substantial resources to create, attract and retain the industries of today and tomorrow.

Clusters are widely seen as Key to Innovation

- Many regions around the world are seeking to replicate the success of Silicon Valley
- National and regional governments are seeking to build clusters by geographically co-locating:
 - Private sector R&D companies
 - Related manufacturing and service industries
 - Research universities and teaching institutions
 - Government sponsored laboratories and technology programs

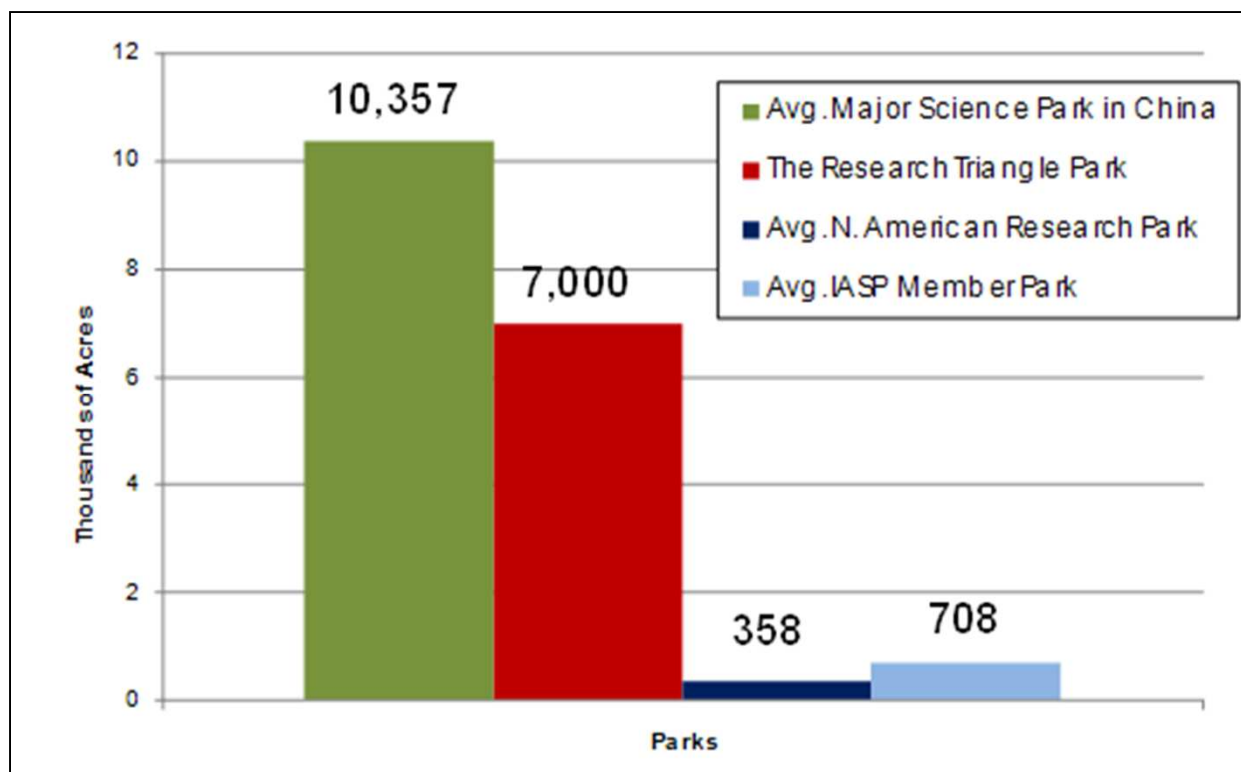
Source: National Academies Conference on “Growing Innovative Clusters”-
June 3, 2009

China's Goal: To Become an “Innovation-Driven Economy” by 2020

- **Boosting R&D Investments**
 - Expenditure on basic research doubled between 2004 and 2008
 - Tax incentives for enterprises that invest in R&D
- **Building R&D Infrastructure and Facilities**
- **Developing world class universities to create a Skilled Workforce**
- **Building Innovation Clusters through the development of large S&T Parks**

Source: Mu Rongpin, 2010 UNESCO Science Report

The Importance of Scale: China's Mega Research Parks

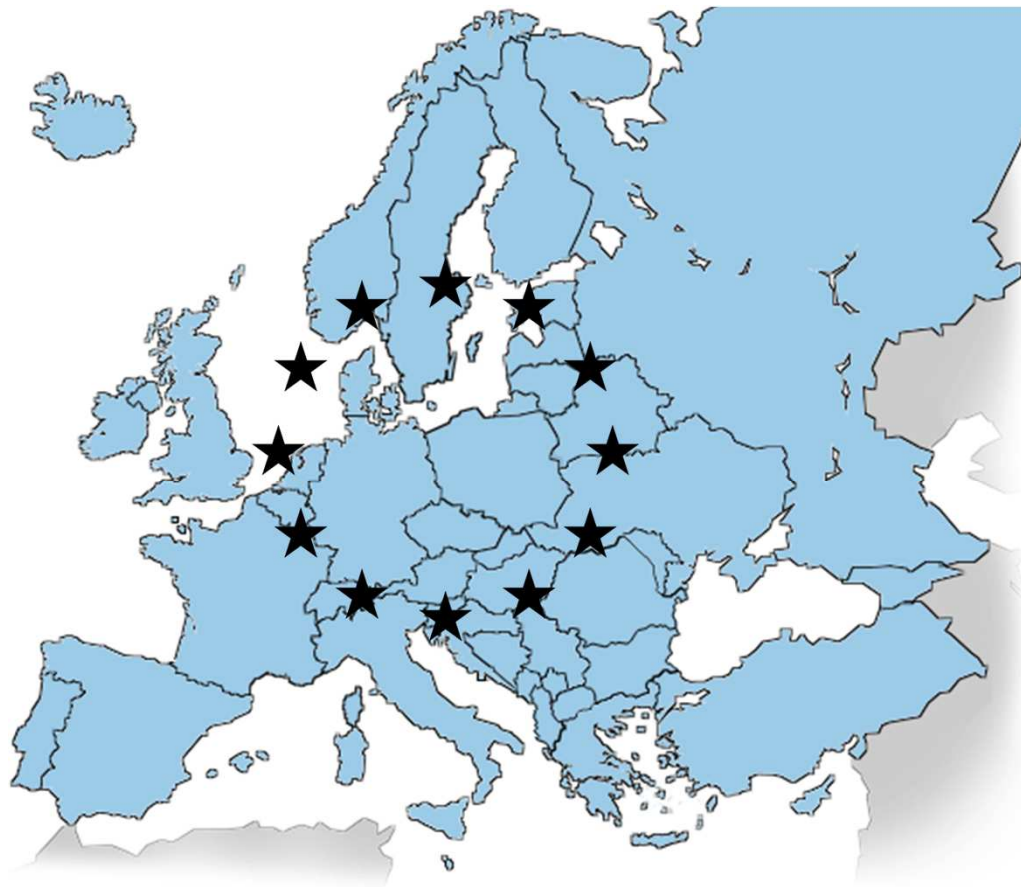


- China has more than 54 state-level economic and technological development zones, and 53 national high-tech development zones

Singapore is Seeking to Become an Innovation Cluster

- The city-state's goal is to be Asia's preeminent financial and high-tech hub.
- Government is investing \$12.8 billion under the Research, Innovation and Enterprise 2015 plan
- A*STAR's task, with \$5 Billion in funding, is to:
 - Attract a skilled R&D workforce
 - Draw major investments in pharmaceuticals and medical technology production
 - Invest in S&T Parks: Biopolis & Fusionopolis
 - Focus on funding for Early-Stage firms (SBIR)

How is Europe
Addressing the
Innovation
Imperative?



Europe's Best Innovators are Changing

- Finland, Sweden, the Netherlands, & France are among those
 - Making Substantial public R&D investments
 - Reforming university structures and public research institutes
 - Mobilizing private capital for start-ups and growth companies (eg. by providing "tax grants")
 - Introducing new partnership programs
 - Investing in Innovation Clusters

France's Pôles de Compétitivité

- Goal is to develop productive inter-linkages among France's research institutes, universities, and industry
 - **Incentives for Collaboration:** through incentives in the form of direct aid, tax deductions, and access to sources of funding.
 - **Competitive Process:** From more than 100 proposals from vying regions, 66 competitiveness clusters were selected in 2005, of which six were labeled *pôles de compétitivité mondiaux* and ten *pôles de compétitivité à vocation mondiale*.
 - **Substantial Funding:** € 1,500 million for the first three years and ministries were encouraged to allocate around 25% of their funds to collaborative projects.

EU Support for Clusters

- **Regions of Knowledge initiative**
 - Implemented under the Seventh Framework Programme
 - Aims to strengthen the research potential of European regions
 - Encourages the development of research-driven clusters associating universities, research centers, enterprises and regional authorities and supporting their cooperation.
- **Regions for Economic Change initiative**
 - Assists trans-national networks of regions in their efforts to improve their regional innovation systems, complements this program.

President Medvedev's Skolkovo Initiative

- Skolkovo Science City outside Moscow is to provide a cutting edge science park to capitalize on Russian scientific assets.
- The city will focus on:
 - IT
 - Biomedical
 - Energy
 - Space
 - Nuclear Industries

President Medvedev's Skolkovo Initiative

- Goal is to “attract international and domestic intellectual capital, and encourage technical innovation.”
 - Postgraduate, research-led university
 - 5 major research centers
 - 50 corporate RD centers of major multinational companies
 - Technopark with more than 1,000 start-ups, venture capital firms
 - Substantial tax benefits: No VAT; Customs exemptions; no income tax for companies making less than \$30 million per year.
 - Fast-track visa and work permit procedure for qualified foreign professionals.

President-Elect Putin's Innovation Push

- Establish several “world-class” research universities by 2020
 - Skolkovo Institute of Science and Technology to partner with MIT
- Substantially increase public funding of basic and applied research
 - Grant money to rise from around 15 billion roubles (US\$500 million) a year to 25 billion roubles by 2018
- Reform the Russian Academy of Sciences
 - More open, peer-review processes
 - Redistribute RAS's budget — currently about 50 billion roubles per year — to other institutions and universities

Source: Vladimir Putin, *Vedomosti* (January 2012) as reported in *Nature* (March 2012)



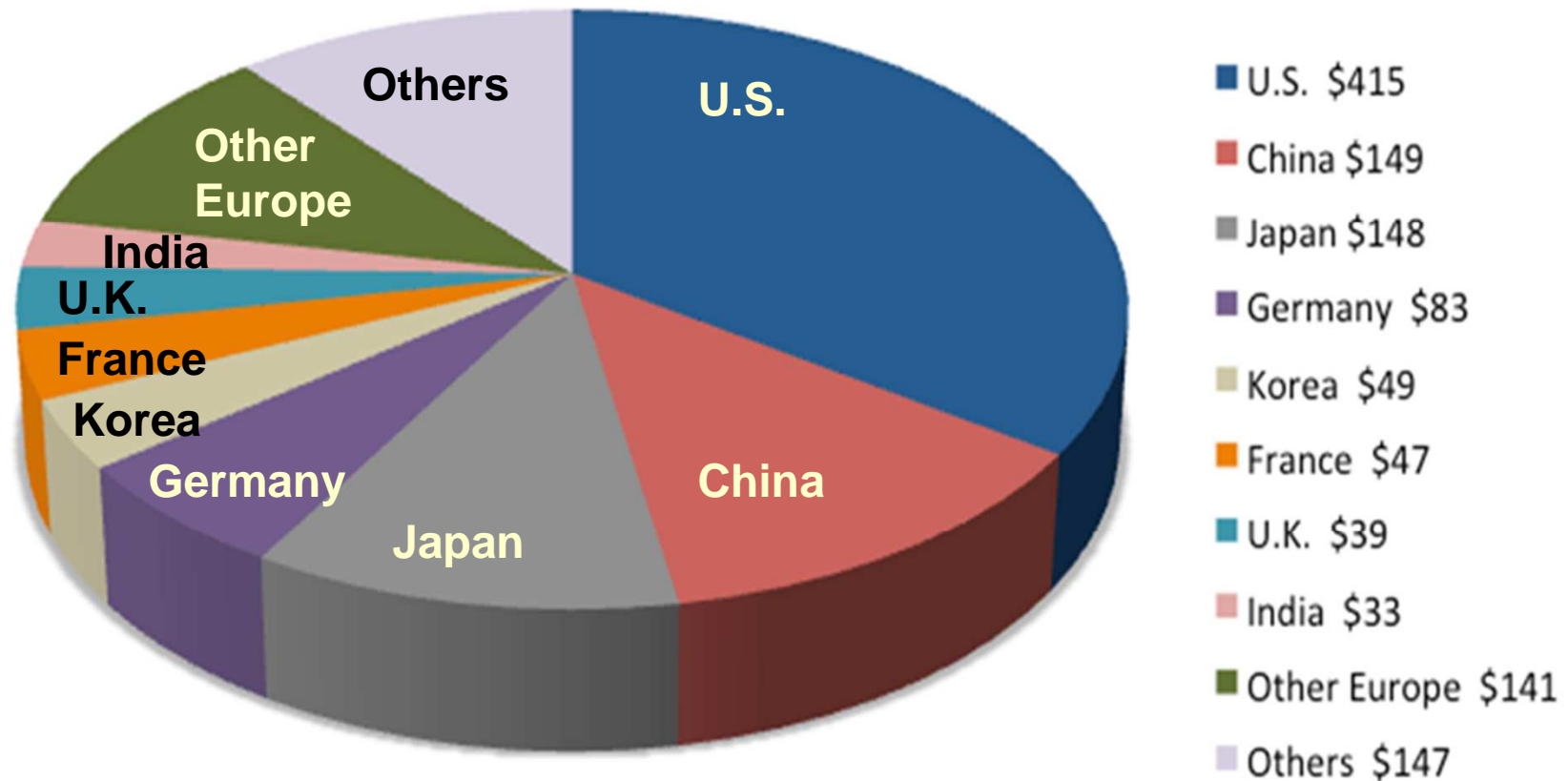
How is the United States Addressing the Innovation Imperative?

Framework Conditions and New Initiatives

FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS IN THE U.S.

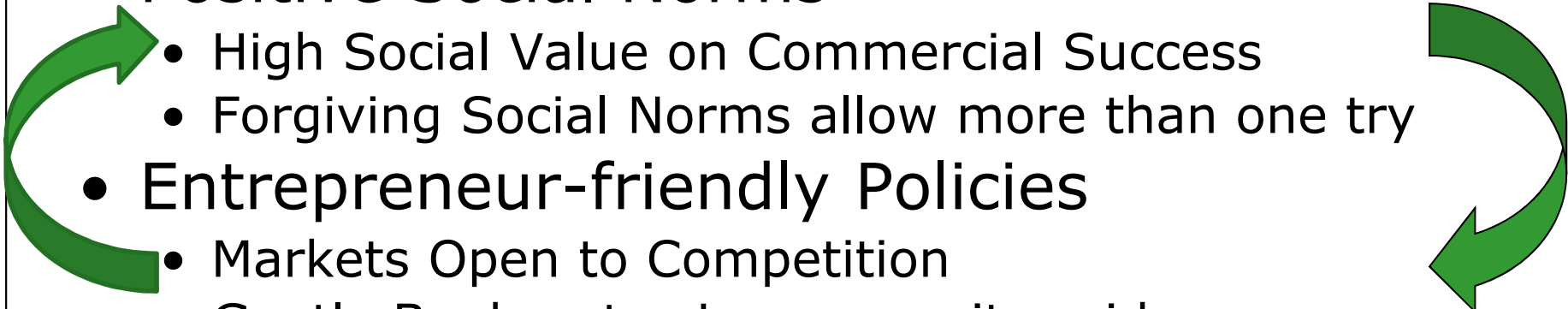
US has a Large Share of Global R&D

Total global R&D spending reached \$1,252 billion in 2010.



SOURCE: Battelle and R&D Magazine, *2012 Global R&D Funding Forecast* (December 2011).

Major U.S. Advantages in Innovation

- Openness to science and innovation
 - Trust in Science & Scientific Institutions
 - Positive Social Norms
 - High Social Value on Commercial Success
 - Forgiving Social Norms allow more than one try
 - Entrepreneur-friendly Policies
 - Markets Open to Competition
 - Gentle Bankruptcy Laws permit rapid recovery
 - Taxes give Prospect of Substantial Rewards
 - Strong Intellectual Property Regime:
 - Encourages Research & Diffusion of Research Results
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NEW INITIATIVES IN THE U.S.

The Obama Administration has launched a comprehensive Innovation Strategy

- Full spectrum of investments in Research, Technology Development, and Commercialization



What are the key Elements of the President's Innovation Strategy?

- ✓ Invest more in R&D
- ✓ Grow and Attract a Skilled Workforce
- ✓ Renew the Manufacturing Base—New
- ✓ Invest in Clean Energy Innovation
- ✓ Reform the Patent System
- ✓ Encourage Entrepreneurship
- ✓ **Grow Innovation Clusters**

- Source: "A Strategy for American Innovation, White House NEC, OSTP, February 2011

Growing
Regional
Innovation
Clusters in the
United States



In the U.S., Limited Federal Role in Building Clusters

- **State and Local Initiative:** States take the lead in Regional Economic Development in the U.S.
- **Lack of Critical Mass:** State and local efforts often lack critical mass of resources and partners
 - Limited funding and facilities
 - Lack of sustained policy support
 - Inadequate State-Federal partnering
- This is changing.

New Federal Initiatives for Clusters

- **Energy Regional Innovation Clusters**
 - DOE initiative to develop regional clusters in solar power, energy-efficient buildings, nuclear energy, and advanced batteries.
- **Regional Innovation Strategies Initiative**
 - Commerce-EDA initiative to map clusters and provide grants to support infrastructure for local cluster programs
- **Nanoelectronics Research Initiative**
 - NIST initiative brings together industry, government, and academia to develop next-generation semiconductor technologies
 - Index, a 11-university consortium, is based at the State University of New York-Albany.

New Manufacturing Initiative Fosters Innovation Clusters

- The National Network for Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) announced on March 9th, 2012
 - \$1 billion private-public partnership program aimed at commercializing and manufacturing U.S. developed technologies.
 - Hosted at NIST with collaboration from NSF, DOD and DOE
 - Modeled after the German Fraunhofer Institutes
 - Calls for precompetitive consortia for applied research on new technologies and design methodologies
 - Multiple institutes, each supporting a regional ecosystem of manufacturers, skilled workers, researchers

Source: www.whitehouse.gov

What are Some States Doing to develop Innovation Clusters?

- ✓ Making Substantial Investments
- ✓ Focusing on Specific Technologies
- ✓ Capturing Synergies with Federal Investments in R&D

New York's Nanotechnology Initiative

- Over \$2 billion in state and private investments are fostering research, investment, manufacturing, and jobs focused on nanotechnology and semiconductor manufacturing
 - Public-private research programs
 - Academic programs and state-of-the-art research laboratories at the State University of New York at Albany
 - Source: Pradeep Halder, NAS Conference on Innovation Clusters, 2009

NE Ohio is Reinventing its Economy

- The region is drawing on existing strengths and new investments to build the industries of the future
- **Strategies:**
 - **Technology Focus:** Photovoltaics, Flexible Electronics
 - **Ohio Third Frontier:** \$2.3 billion initiative to assist Ohio companies develop next-generation products & services
 - **Technology Coalitions:** work to stimulate start-ups and help manufacturers adopt best practices and new technologies—e.g., Nortech, MAGNET
 - **Ohio Capital Fund** to encourage more VC activity
 - **University-industry partnerships** (e.g., University of Akron) to commercialize university research

Michigan's Advanced Battery Cluster

- Michigan is investing to diversify its industrial base.
 - **Providing Leadership:** Led by then Governor Granholm, the state legislature took a number of initiatives to develop new technological clusters
 - **Building on Local Strengths:** leveraging existing strengths in engineering knowhow and automobile manufacturing
 - **Financial Incentives:** Loans and grants to help larger companies commercialize manufacturing and green-energy technologies; Refundable tax credits for battery manufacturers
 - **Building Partnerships:** Linking industry with University "Centers of Energy Excellence"

Capturing Federal-State Synergies in Michigan

- **Federal Support:** Michigan's early efforts to build a cluster was supported by \$1.3 billion in federal funds
 - Helped to attract companies such as A123, General Motors, Johnson Controls, XTreme Power, and South Korea's LG to build lithium-ion cell or battery-pack factories in the state.
- **Private Investment:** This federal investment has encouraged private companies to invest a further \$5.2 billion, with the potential to create up to 40,000 new jobs over the next five years and attract out-of-state manufacturers of related technologies.
- **Military Procurement:** Growing demand by the military for electrified transportation is helping to reinforce the growth of this new industry.

To Conclude

Our Common Challenge

Clusters and the Future of Regions

- State and regional governments see innovation clusters as the basis for their future growth and employment prospects
- Here is what they are doing to secure that future:
 - Focusing on strengthening university research, including workforce training, and providing funding for small-businesses
 - Investing in infrastructure needed for innovation-driven economies
 - Drawing on synergies from state and national sources
 - Strengthening linkages within clusters with public-private partnerships

Our Common Challenge

- The Challenge for the Europe and the United States is to Adjust to the new Globalization Dynamic
- This involves Encouraging Clusters of Small Firms, Large Firms, Research Institutes, and Universities
- Cooperation and Mutual Learning are Essential to Ensure our Common Prosperity

Thank You



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