

# Compete.

## New Challenges, New Answers

The Council on Competitiveness is calling for America's new leaders to recapture American competitiveness with

# Four Bold Actions.



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## COMPETE PASS

America needs new talent, so the government and private sector need to team up to give American workers a **CompetePass**. With demand for critical middle-skilled jobs at an all time high, our country needs a pass to success. The personal, portable CompetePass empowers workers to choose career training that leads to a specific career opportunity. America's workers get the new skills they need, and America's workforce can compete.

## COMPETE BONDS

America needs next generation infrastructure. In today's environment, the **CompeteBond** is the answer. Savings bonds allow for critical investments in the technologies America needs to do business. Everywhere internet access, modern transportation, and a critical electric interstate superhighway can become reality. Let's stimulate personal savings that will generate big-time cash to bring America up to speed with our competition. The Compete Bond is tax exempt, federally guaranteed, and available only to Americans to invest in our competitiveness.

## COMPETE NEXT

America needs to headline the next big idea, the next technology breakthrough, the next major innovation—America needs **CompeteNext**. Let's double the investment in basic and applied research across the federal government and triple the investment in energy-related research. In 2007, Congress overwhelmingly authorized significant increases in investment through the America COMPETES Act, but failed to deliver the promised funding. America must invest today to compete tomorrow.

## COMPETE ENERGY

Energy is the key to America's economic prosperity and national security. What could be more important? **CompeteEnergy** calls for America's new leadership to execute the Council's 100-day energy action plan which contains specific, actionable items to move immediately on a comprehensive energy agenda. Actions like building an electric interstate superhighway, making it easier to get new technologies quickly into the market, and taking advantage of federal research assets to enhance our energy innovation.