Role of University Knowledge Enterprises in Driving Economic Development

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As the United States' economy gains momentum, state leaders are focused on answering a few key questions. How can the U.S. sustain that momentum? Where should we place our bets and invest our resources to create long-term pathways to prosperity? This session brought together experts from government, academia and the private sector to discuss how best to collaborate in developing a long-term strategy to grow the economy and create quality jobs. Attendees also heard a fiscal and economic forecast for 2016 and received a briefing on the status of international trade agreements.

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