



Innovation

Job creation and innovation go hand in hand. The Innovation Committee will examine the role venture capital, small businesses, technology, biotech and collaboration have had in providing for economic growth in Illinois, other states and globally. Best practices will be examined, roadblocks to success identified and suggestions made as to how to improve Illinois' competitive position in those areas.

Commissioners

Sona Wang (Committee Chair), Managing Director, Ceres Venture Fund
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Public Committee Meetings

Tuesday, November 10, 2009 at 3pm
James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph, 15-100, Chicago, IL

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Monday, November 16, 2009
James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph, 16-100, Chicago, IL

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Monday, November 30, 2009 at 1pm
James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph, 16-100, Chicago, IL

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Tuesday, December 15, 2009 at 1pm
James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph, 15-100, Chicago, IL

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Monday, January 4, 2010 at 1pm
James R. Thompson Center, 100 West Randolph, 2-026, Chicago, IL

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