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TIA Hails Introduction of the 'American Research & Competitiveness Act of 2011' to Permanently Extend the R&D Credit

Arlington, Va. – The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) today hailed the introduction of H.R. 942, the “American Research & Competitiveness Act of 2011,” by U.S. Representatives Kevin Brady (R-TX), John Larson (D-CT), Erik Paulsen (R-MN) and Anna Eshoo (D-CA).

“TIA has long called upon Congress to make the R&D Credit permanent. This incentive, originally enacted in 1981 has been extended 14 times in a haphazard fashion that inhibits companies from being able to adequately plan on whether this credit will exist from year to year,” said Grant Seiffert, TIA’s President. “Further, we are very pleased to see that the ‘American Research & Competitiveness Act of 2011’ includes an expansion of the credit to make it more competitive with the tax incentives being offered by other nations. These changes are necessary to attract and maintain American R&D jobs and make America the most attractive home for corporate R&D.”

TIA released its Innovation Package this past January, “The Roadmap to Growing Jobs & the Economy,” addressing the current and future concerns of the information and communications technology industry, called for the permanent extension of the R&D Credit as well as a number of policies to keep America competitive including:

Recapturing global competitiveness through market access and trade, research and development incentives, educating and retaining needed talent through H-1B visa reform, and tax reform.

Driving investment by advocating for tax incentives to increase investment in our nation’s broadband infrastructure, and market-based regulations with a continued light regulatory touch to ensure continued investment in a technology-neutral manner.

Enabling forward looking technologies through:

- **Spectrum Availability:** Advocating for spectrum availability through voluntary incentive auctions, flexible regulations and reallocation of federal spectrum where feasible;
- **Cyber Security:** Promoting global approaches to cyber security policies in the U.S. and internationally to avoid policies that could negatively impact market access, interoperability and global security;
- **Smart Grid and Green ICT:** Working toward appropriate policies driving ICT's potential to reduce energy consumption in other more energy-intensive sectors through smart grid, smart buildings and travel substitution, which are key to create jobs and help U.S. industry compete successfully in global markets;
- **Accessibility:** Encouraging collaboration among stakeholders and the usage of voluntary consensus-based standards the U.S. Government can increase the accessibility of technology by those with disabilities, encourage innovation and in doing so open up new employment opportunities for this vulnerable community.

About TIA

The Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) represents the global information and communications technology (ICT) industry through standards development, advocacy, tradeshow, business opportunities, market intelligence and world-wide environmental regulatory analysis. Since 1924, TIA has been enhancing the business environment for broadband, mobile wireless, information technology, networks, cable, satellite and unified communications. Members' products and services empower communications in every industry and market, including healthcare, education, security, public safety, transportation, government, the military, the environment and entertainment.

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