The Leaky Science and Engineering Pipeline:
How Can We Retain More Women in Academia and Industry?

To remain competitive in a global economy, the U.S. must develop its technological literacy, talent, and expertise across all sectors of society. “Women scientists and engineers face barriers to success in every field of science and engineering, a record that deprives the country of an important source of talent. Without a transformation of academic institutions to tackle such barriers, the future vitality of the U.S. research base and economy is in jeopardy,” says the National Academies report, Beyond Bias and Barriers: Fulfilling the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering. Come hear about the progress of the Beyond Bias and Barriers report recommendations one year later, as well as learn about a new retention study by the Society of Women Engineers (SWE) that shows how women in industry face similar problems.

Thursday, October 18, 2007
12:00 PM - 1:30 PM
B-338 Rayburn House Office Building

AGENDA:

NOON LUNCH
12:05 PM WELCOME
Dr. Semahat Demir, SWE Director of External Affairs

12:10 PM SPECIAL GUESTS: REPRESENTATIVES EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON AND SILVESTRE REYES (INVITED), HOUSE DIVERSITY AND INNOVATION CAUCUS CO-CHAIRS

12:25 PM RECOMMENDATIONS FROM THE BEYOND BIAS AND BARRIERS REPORT: ONE YEAR LATER
The Honorable Donna Shalala Chair, National Academies Committee on Maximizing the Potential of Women in Academic Science and Engineering (confirmed)

12:50 PM ANALYSIS OF SWE’S NATIONAL SURVEY OF WOMEN IN ENGINEERING: RETENTION OF WOMEN ENGINEERS IN INDUSTRY
Dr. Lisa Frehill, Executive Director, Commission of Professionals in Science and Technology (confirmed)

1:15 PM Q&A PERIOD

1:25 PM CONCLUSION
Dr. Semahat Demir, SWE Director of External Affairs

1:30 PM ADJOURN

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