

2006 NCWIT Innovation and Diversity Town Hall

NCWIT held its first-ever Innovation and Diversity Town Hall, co-sponsored by the National Science Foundation (NSF), at the National Academy of Sciences on May 17, 2006. Participants and speakers ranged from the federal government, industry, and think-tanks to non-profits and academia, and nearly all cited the lack of diversity in information technology (IT) as a major competitive and creative problem for our country.

At the NCWIT reception following the Town Hall, U.S. Senator Barack Obama (D-IL) cited the need to reverse “long historic discrimination in the area of gender” saying that locking women out of information technology is “like having one hand tied behind our competitive backs.”

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