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**United States Industry Coalition, Inc.**

## **Tom Shelton's Remarks**

### **USIC 2010 Annual Meeting, Open Session**

**Wednesday, March 3, 2010**

Good morning. My name is Tom Shelton and I am the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the United States Industry Coalition.

I would like to welcome all of you to this open session of our 2010 Annual Meeting. I would like to extend a particular welcome to our distinguished guests:

Per Lyse Rasmussen - Royal Danish Embassy

Alexei Vladimirovsky – U.S. Embassy in Moscow

Dr. Nasser Almobarak – Hadeem Contracting, Saudia Arabia

Nikolai Kharat... -- Counselor for Science and Technology Embassy of Russia

Vladimir Rab – also a Counselor at the

USIC has been around since 1994. We have provided pathways to opportunity for USIC members through the GIPP program in support of NNSA and the Department of Energy and in collaboration with our colleagues at the U.S. National Labs. We have assisted our members and industry partners as they secure project approval and funding with DOE and then working with weapons scientists in FSU institutes as they develop their unique technologies for the marketplace. While making a significant contribution to our national non-proliferation goals, USIC's members have also achieved corporate goals: generating profits and creating jobs, both at home in the U.S. and in the FSU.

While most Nonproliferation programs address issues of weapons material, weapons hardware and weapons facilities; the GIPP program is unique. We redirect the brain power of former WMD personnel towards peaceful and profitable work. This is indeed a good venture for all of us. Even now as we



enter our 16<sup>th</sup> year, emerging global realities serve as a strong reminder that nonproliferation and the engagement of weapons scientists must remain high on our list of national priorities.

Over the past few years, I have had the pleasure of ushering in the era of a changing USIC. In addition to our core responsibilities to serve our industry partners and DOE through the GIPP Program, we are beginning to provide our members and partners additional pathways to develop and market your technologies and products. This involves government and private sector programs and project opportunities, new services, and support of our members in different ways. We have heightened connectivity to technology, investment capital and markets. This evolution encompasses a renewed commitment from USIC to provide value to DOE, value to our members and value to our growing list of customers and partners.

Our program today is designed to give you better insights into the changes here at USIC, into some of our member achievements and experiences, and importantly, into the invaluable assistance from the Department of Energy and continued support through the GIPP program.