

On July 11, 2011 the AutoHarvest Foundation was privileged to be a key participant, along with Mr. Aneesh Chopra, United States Chief Technology Officer, in a Town Hall meeting sponsored by the Ford Motor Company at the new Innovation Center in Allen Park, Michigan. The event, which was reported on Mr. Chopra's [White House blog](#), was attended by over 100 industry, government and academic research and development professionals, who discussed how to propel the resurgence of advanced manufacturing in Michigan and introduced several new, powerful initiatives in Southeast Michigan.

Hosting the event were Ford Global Technologies, LLC and [Michigan Corps](#), the latter of which announced the launch of Make in Detroit, a resource platform specifically designed to spur innovation in the manufacturing sector, and [TechShop](#), an industrial prototyping center that provides inventors with the resources necessary to transform ideas into crowd-sourced prototypes. Dr. Grace Bochenek, Director of [TARDEC](#) (Tank Army Research and Engineering Center), discussed a non-profit robotics innovation center in partnership with the U.S. Army. Dr. David E. Cole, Chairman, and Jayson D. Pankin, President, AutoHarvest Foundation, revealed the results of AutoHarvest's on-going alpha program, which has yielded a novel model for an online intellectual property marketplace and e-collaboration system to accelerate the adoption of innovation in advanced manufacturing.

July 11, 2011 Town Hall Meeting

From the left: Dr. David E. Cole, Chairman, AutoHarvest Foundation; Dr. Sridhar Kota, Assistant Director, Advanced Manufacturing, White House Office of Science and Technology; Mr. Aneesh P. Chopra, Chief Technology Officer, White House Office of Science and Technology; and, Mr. Jayson D. Pankin, President, AutoHarvest Foundation.



From the left: Rishi Jaitly, Director, Knight Foundation and Chair, Michigan Corps; Dr. Grace M. Bochenek, Director, TARDEC; Mr. Aneesh P. Chopra, Chief Technology Officer, White House Office of Science and Technology; Dr. Sridhar Kota, Assistant Director, Advanced Manufacturing, White House Office of Science and Technology; and, Anuja Jaitley, Executive Director, Michigan Corps.



Related Links:

1. [Town Hall Meeting Agenda July 11, 2011](#) [PDF]
2. [Report to the President on Ensuring American Leadership in Advanced Manufacturing. Executive, office of the President, President's Council of Advisors on Technology, June 2011](#) [PDF]
3. [Michigan Corps](#)
4. [TechShop](#)
5. "TechShop to open DIY fabrication studio" (Crains Detroit Business)
6. [TARDEC](#)