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Talk Title: *How to get Congress to give you \$240 billion*

Place: 444 Hoes Lane, Telcordia Technologies, Piscataway (In front of IEEE HQ)
RRC -1D350

Time: 4:30 PM – 5:30 PM (*Refreshment will be served*)

Date: October 29 (Thursday)

Speaker: Russell T. Harrison, Senior Legislative Representative - Grassroots Affairs, IEEE-USA

Talk Abstract:

Earlier this year, Congress invested over \$240 billion in new money into America's high-tech industry. Want to know where you can find it?

Join IEEE-USA's Senior Legislative Representative for Grassroots Activities, Russ Harrison, on October 29 for a discussion on the intersection between public policy and engineering.

In 2009, Congress focused on engineers and technology more than at any other point during the past 50 years, perhaps ever. Your elected officials have been debating major changes to US policy in fields that employ or affect IEEE members including energy, space, education, intellectual property law, immigration, and broadband. This attention gives us, as a professional, opportunities, but also poses risks.

Come learn what IEEE-USA is doing in Washington to try to make sure Congress gets it right. And learn some simple things that you can do to influence your own elected officials.

Speaker Bio:

Russell is the Senior Legislative Representative for Grassroots Activities for IEEE-USA. He is responsible for helping IEEE members in the U.S. interact with, and ultimately influence, elected officials. Since starting at IEEE-USA in 2005, Russell has become one of the most sought-after speakers on the IEEE staff, having addressed over 100 local IEEE groups in the United States. His talks focus on current public policy issues, how they will impact the engineering profession and what individual engineers can do about them.

Prior to IEEE-USA, Russell directed grassroots programs at the Institute of Scrap Recycling Industries and the American Iron and Steel Institute. In these positions he represented the recycling and steel industries on Capitol Hill and in state capitols on a variety of issues as a professional lobbyist. Russell has a BA in Political Science, with minors in History and Communications, from Allegheny College, and a Masters in Public Policy from the University of Maryland.

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