

The Free State Foundation

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Broadband Nation: Where Does the U.S. Really Stand in the World Rankings?

Featuring: Ambassador David A. Gross
Partner, Wiley Rein LLP

**Former U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and
Information Policy at the U.S. Department of State**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 5, 2009
12:00 NOON - 2:00 PM
CONGRESSIONAL MEETING ROOM NORTH,
CAPITOL VISITOR CENTER**

The Free State Foundation will hold a lunch seminar featuring Ambassador David A. Gross. Ambassador Gross recently completed his eight-year service as the U.S. Coordinator for International Communications and Information Policy at the U.S. Department of State. In that position, he had overall responsibility for the formulation and advocacy of international policy for the United States. Ambassador Gross is one of the world's foremost experts on international telecommunications policy and has led more U.S. delegations to major international telecommunications conferences than anyone in modern history.

Ambassador Gross will address the progress of the U.S. concerning broadband deployment and usage and explain why the oft-cited rankings of the OECD do not accurately depict the true position of the U.S. vis-à-vis other countries. After his remarks, there will be reactions and comments by the panelists:

- **Robert Atkinson**, Information Technology & Innovation Foundation
- **Link Hoewing**, Verizon Communications
- **Christopher Guttman-McCabe**, CTIA – The Wireless Association

The program, including questions from the audience, will be moderated by FSF President **Randolph May**.

A complimentary lunch will be provided.

This will be a widely attended event. To reserve your space, please RSVP to Susan Reichbart at sreichbart@freestatefoundation.org