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Industry - Government Collaboration as an Engine of Innovation

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The role of the government in encouraging innovation is a widely discussed topic in science policy today. This talk will review at a high level some of the different models for collaboration between industry and government, with an eye towards elucidating some of the collaboration characteristics that may be best correlated to successful innovation. Specific examples of programs based on goal setting, supporting the relevant national labs and universities, and direct public - private partnerships will be described in order to provide concrete examples.