

25th Annual Emerging Issues Forum

February 8-9, 2010 • Raleigh Convention Center

Register opens December 1 for the 25th Annual Emerging Issues Forum, *Creativity, iNC.*, being held February 8-9 at the Raleigh Convention Center. The Emerging Issues Forum is hosted by the Institute for Emerging Issues (IEI) and is the primary component of the organization's latest program of work on creativity. This year's forum will address the critical need for North Carolina to unleash the power of its creative assets to drive economic growth and social advancements in these extraordinary times. We invite you to join the conversation:

- What will it take to move North Carolina to a state characterized by a culture of creativity?
- How will we cultivate and capitalize the big ideas?
- What roles will art and culture play in advancing our scientific innovations?
- Can smart design boost a sagging bottom line?
- How can our education systems develop the creative people we desperately need?
- How will our public policies catalyze breakthrough ideas?

Confirmed speakers at this year's Forum include: Aneesh Chopra, Chief Technology Officer of the United States; Dan Pink, author of *A Whole New Mind: Why Right-Brainers Will Rule the Future*; Bill Strickland, President and CEO, Manchester Bidwell Corporation; Deborah L. Wince-Smith, President, Council on Competitiveness; and Eric Liu, Founder Creativity Matters, Washington State.

The annual Emerging Issues Forum is IEI's signature event at which leaders from around the state, the country and the world convene to discuss and debate novel solutions to this state's most pressing challenges. The 25th Annual Emerging Issues Forum is shaping up to be the best yet. From nationally recognized speakers to interactive exhibits, the Forum promises to challenge participants to think about ways to foster a climate of creativity in North Carolina.

Visit www.emergingissues.org for registration information. Registration opens December 1 and space is limited, so act quickly!