

U.S. IOOS Town Hall on the Future of Integrated Ocean Observing

Date: Wednesday, October 17
Time: 10:00 – 11:30am
Location: Conference Room 1D (upstairs)

Moderator: VADM (ret) Conrad Lautenbacher, Vice President for Science Programs, Applied Technology Group, Computer Sciences Corporation.

The U.S. IOOS Program Office will sponsor a 90 minute panel discussion on the future of ocean observing. Moderated by former NOAA Administrator VADM (ret.) Conrad Lautenbacher and featuring a panel of six distinguished senior leaders from government, academia and industry, the session will address the value and use of ocean observations to the nation from several different perspectives – national security, commerce, protection of lives and livelihoods, ocean and earth science, ecosystem health and others – particularly in the context of the upcoming IOOS Summit Nov 13-16, 2012. The session will begin with a short but dramatic demonstration on collaboration technology for accessing and sharing ocean observations data in a decision-making context.

Panelists:

- **U.S. Congressman Robert “Bobby” Scott** – (R) 3rd District, Virginia
- **Dr. Don Winters** – Professor of Engineering at the University of MI and former Secretary of the US Navy (2006-9)
- **RADM (ret) James Watson** – Director of the Bureau of Safety and Environmental Enforcement at the Bureau of Ocean Energy Management and former Director of Prevention Policy for Marine Safety, Security and Stewardship at the US Coast Guard
- **Markian Melnyk** – Founder and President, Atlantic Grid Development
- **Dr. Richard Spinrad** – Vice President for Research at the Oregon State University, Chair, US IOOS Federal Advisory Committee and former Assistant Administrator for Oceans and Atmospheric Research at NOAA
- **Jeff Kever** – Deputy Executive Director, Virginia Port Authority