Working Group Meeting on Friday, June 10 in Heritage A at the Grove Park Inn

Disruptive Technology and Our Industry Speaker: Vivek Wadhwa

Vivek Wadhwa is author of "*The Immigrant Exodus: Why America Is Losing the Global Race to Capture Entrepreneurial Talent*". This work was named as a "Book of the Year of 2012" by *The Economist*. He also authored *Innovating Women: The Changing Face of Technology* which documents the struggles and triumphs of women. In 2012, the U.S. Government awarded Wadhwa distinguished recognition as an "Outstanding American by Choice" for his "commitment to this country and to the common civic values that unite us as Americans". He was also named by *Foreign Policy Magazine* as Top 100 Global Thinker in 2012. In 2013, *TIME Magazine* listed him as one of The 40 Most Influential Minds in Tech.

Wadhwa is an educator:

- Fellow at Arthur & Toni Rembe Rock Center for Corporate Governance, **Stanford University**;
- Director of Research at the Center for Entrepreneurship and Research Commercialization at the Pratt School of Engineering, **Duke University**;
- and Distinguished Fellow at **Singularity University**.

Wadhwa oversees research at Singularity University, which educates a select group of leaders about the exponentially advancing technologies that are soon going to change our world. These advances—in fields such as robotics, A.I. (Artificial Intelligence), computing, synthetic biology, 3D printing, medicine, and nanomaterials—are making it possible for small teams to do what was once possible only for governments and large corporations to do: ***solve the grand challenges in education, water, food, shelter, health, and security.***

In his roles at Stanford and Duke, Wadhwa lectures in class on subjects such as entrepreneurship and public policy, helps prepare students for the real world, and leads groundbreaking research projects. He is an advisor to several governments; mentors entrepreneurs; and is a regular columnist for The *Washington Post*, *Wall Street Journal Accelerators*, LinkedIn Influencers blog, *Forbes*, and the American Society of Engineering Education's *Prism* magazine. Prior to joining academia in 2005, Wadhwa founded two software companies.

If you would like a preview of the topic and speaker, click here to see a short (eye-opening) video: http://www.leadingauthorities.com/speakers/vivek-wadhwa.html At the website, click on the video titled: *Vivek Wadhwa: Get Ready for The Next Wave of Tech Disruptions*.

This promises to be an unforgettable morning!