STATEMENT BY AAU PRESIDENT ROBERT M. BERDAHL ON
DEEMED EXPORT ADVISORY COMMITTEE

The Commerce Department today named the members of the Deemed Export Advisory Committee. The committee will evaluate and make recommendations with respect to deemed export policies. Creation of the panel follows the department’s rejection of recommendations by its inspector general (IG) to expand requirements for universities to obtain export licenses when international students and faculty conduct certain fundamental research.

Following is a statement by Robert M. Berdahl, President of the Association of American Universities, on the Commerce Department announcement.

The Commerce Department deserves much praise for bringing together this outstanding group of representatives from the business, academic, and national security and intelligence communities to serve on this newly created Deemed Export Advisory Committee.

This high-level advisory committee provides an opportunity for the Commerce Department to take a fresh look at what changes are needed in our deemed export control policies to make them more effective in the global business, research, and education environment of the 21st century.

This group of distinguished individuals will undoubtedly focus on maintaining national security without forgetting how important it is to our economy and indeed our national security to preserve fundamental research and to sustain the flow of international scientific and engineering talent to our country.

AAU’s 60 public and private research universities in the U.S. perform nearly 60 percent of the university research funded by the federal government. We stand ready to assist the members of the Deemed Export Advisory Committee as they undertake this important task.

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