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A one-day Career Survival Workshop, aimed at the engineers to be displaced at the end of the Space Shuttle program, will be presented in the Florida Space Coast, Oct. 23. [http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/CWPC Flyer Cocoa October 2010 v2a1.pdf](http://ewh.ieee.org/reg/3/CWPC_Flyer_Cocoa_October_2010_v2a1.pdf) All interested engineers are invited to attend.

IEEE-USA has some newly approved policy position statements. These are useful in advocating policies that benefit the public and engineers.

- [Permanent Extension of the R&D Tax Credit](#) (June 2010)
- [Phased Retirement](#) (June 2010)
- [The L-1 Visa for Intra-Company Transfers](#) (June 2010)
- [Visa Processing](#) (June 2010)

A complete list of current positions is found at <http://www.ieeeusa.org/policy/positions/> Positions expire in five years unless withdrawn or revised sooner that that.

Business interests support the permanent extension of the R&D tax credit, but Congress has passed temporary extensions over a dozen times, claiming that it cannot afford to make it permanent. Some other countries allow credits to to 130 percent of R&D expenditures, which enhances innovation and competitiveness. Lack of a long-term position on this credit in the U.S. argues against long term planning for innovation. <http://blog.ipc.org/2010/03/11/research-and-development-tax-credit-extension-passes-u-s-senate/>

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