

# CLARION CALL FOR COMPETITIVENESS

## STRENGTHS & WEAKNESSES

### PRODUCTIVITY

U.S. LABOR PRODUCTIVITY GROWTH REMAINS ABOUT 2% BUT, WAGES HAVE STAGNATED

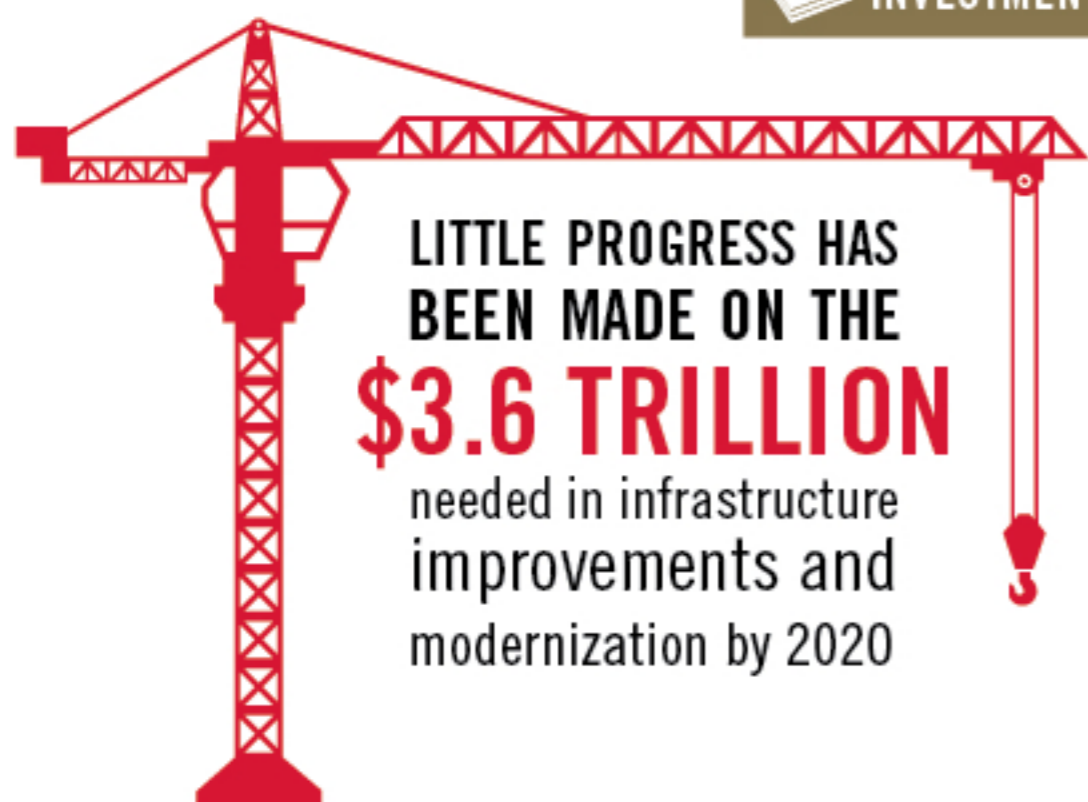


Unemployment rate remains **OVER 7%** and problems persist in long-term unemployment and shrinking workforce participation



**78%**  
WHILE IMPROVING, the U.S. high school graduation rate ranks below 22 of 29 OECD countries

### INVESTMENTS



LITTLE PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE ON THE **\$3.6 TRILLION** needed in infrastructure improvements and modernization by 2020

Although competing nations are closing the gap, the U.S. still accounts for a full **ONE THIRD** of the world's research and development dollars



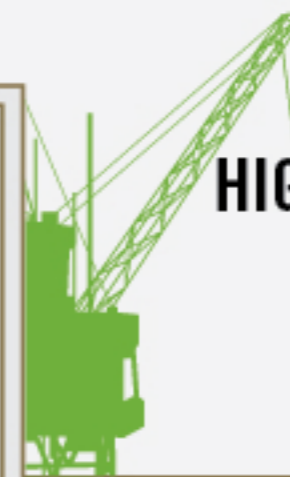
**8.4%** in foreseeable cuts to already strained federal research investments by 2017



**35%** U.S. CORPORATE TAX RATE REMAINS THE HIGHEST OF ALL ADVANCED ECONOMIES



**\$1.9 TRILLION** remains locked up overseas due to a failure to adopt a territorial tax system



MANUFACTURING HAS THE HIGHEST MULTIPLIER EFFECT OF ANY SECTOR

Manufacturing is poised for resurgence – and every dollar of final manufacturing sales supports \$1.48 in output across the wider economy

### FISCAL SNAPSHOT

120% OF GDP

FEDERAL DEBT IS ABOVE **\$17 TRILLION**

Federal debt held by the public is the highest share of the economy's size in U.S. history except for World War II – and double the level of 2007

**73% OF GROSS DOMESTIC PRODUCT**

80%

HISTORICAL DEBT TO GDP RATIO

PROJECTED

40%

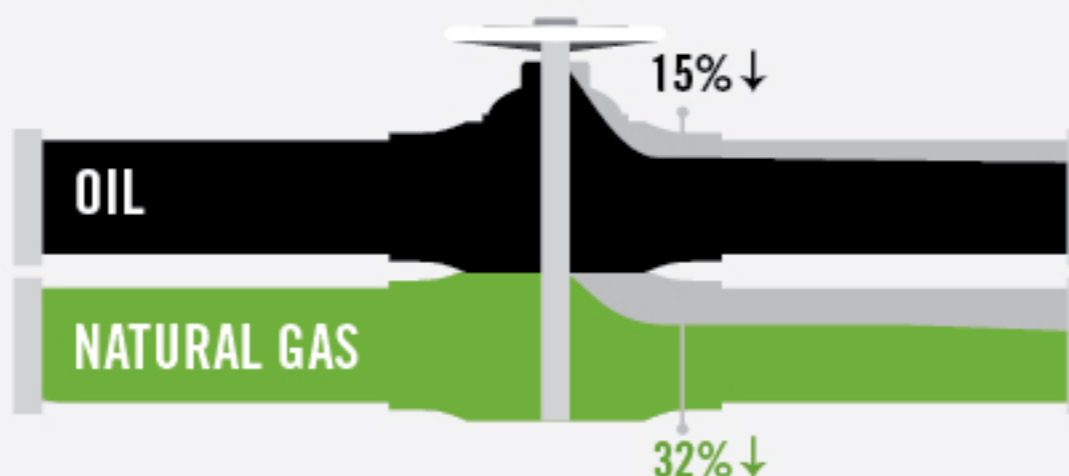
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### ENERGY



A natural gas and oil boom could deliver **100 YEARS** of low cost energy to American producers and lure new manufacturing investment from overseas to fuel economic growth and turbo-charge a manufacturing renaissance

U.S. ENERGY IMPORTS HAVE **FALLEN** OVER THE PAST 5 YEARS



### TRADE

**37%**

of multi-nationals with annual sales above \$1 Billion have indicated a willingness to shift manufacturing facilities from China to the United States



**OVER \$540 BILLION** trade deficit in 2012

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**BUT, OVER \$245 BILLION** surplus in agriculture and services in 2012

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**\$48 MORE THAN BILLION**

estimated U.S. intellectual property theft from China in 2009

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