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Power from the People

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A diverse workforce of the best and brightest young talent will help the A&D industry foster more innovation. Steps taken now to make the industry more attractive to the next generation of technical leaders will also pay dividends in the coming years when a significant number of retirements will increase the need for skilled labor. In "Power from the People," we describe the challenges today's A&D industry faces as it attempts to attract and retain top talent. We also offer strategic recommendations that will help move the industry toward a position of greater competitiveness and an even brighter and more capable workforce. This issue is the first in a series based on CRA's White Paper *Innovation in Aerospace & Defense*, which was developed in collaboration with *Aviation Week & Space Technology* and featured in their October 26, 2009, double issue on innovation.

To read CRA's full article on ensuring the right people are in place to foster continued innovation in A&D, [click here](#).

CRA events

CRA sponsors Brussels conference on transatlantic defense industrial cooperation

Charles River Associates was a proud sponsor of the conference on "Challenges and Opportunities in Transatlantic Defence Industrial Co-operation." The conference was co-organized by the North Atlantic Treaty Organization (NATO) and the Royal United Services Institute (RUSI), and it was held on October 15-16, 2009, at NATO Headquarters, Brussels. The event featured a dinner address by Dr. Ashton Carter, US Under Secretary of Defense for Acquisition, Technology, and Logistics, and a keynote address by Mr. Håkan Jevrell, Swedish State Secretary for Defence. CRA's Director for Aerospace & Defense Consulting, Steve Grundman, welcomed participants to the opening dinner with remarks appraising the progress in transatlantic defense industrial integration over the decade since 1999 when Grundman served as US Deputy Under Secretary of Defense for Industrial Affairs and Installations. Steve also moderated a panel discussion featuring European A&D executives on "Consolidation and Rationalization in the Transatlantic Industrial Base." For CRA's presentation introducing this panel, surveying industrial collaboration over the past 10 years from strategic sourcing to mergers and acquisitions, [click here](#).

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