You are cordially invited to attend a luncheon briefing on

**Strengthening National Defense with Laser Technology**

**Thursday, September 6, 2007 at 12:00 p.m.**

2325 Rayburn House Office Building

From the ground to the air, lasers play a key role in our country’s national security efforts. However, our current laser technology is just the tip of the iceberg. Research being done by the federal government, universities and industry will enable laser-based capabilities to transform and improve military operations in the future.

The Optical Society of America (OSA) in conjunction with the Congressional Research and Development (R&D) Caucus invites you to attend this luncheon briefing to hear more about state-of-the-art lasers being used in Iraq and laser technologies in development to defend our nation.

**Who Should Attend?**

Any staff member responsible for defense, science, technology and competitiveness issues will find this briefing useful.

**Opening Remarks**

Representative Rush Holt (NJ)
Representative Judy Biggert (IL)
Co-Chairs
Congressional R&D Caucus

**Moderator**

Duncan Moore, Ph.D.
Professor of Optical and Biomedical Engineering
Institute of Optics, University of Rochester

**Targeting and Reconnaissance with Lasers**

Robert Pack, Ph.D.
Director
USTAR Directed Energy Sensors Technology Group
Utah State University

**Lasers for Security**

Douglas P. Crawford, Ph.D.
Director
Northrop Grumman

**Laser Communication in Space**

Don Boroson, Ph.D.
Leader, Optical Communications Group
Communications and Information Technology Division
MIT Lincoln Laboratory

Please reserve your seat by emailing Angela Stark at astark@osa.org or calling 202.416.1443 by Sept. 5.