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**TIA EXPRESSES DISAPPOINTMENT ABOUT**  
**EXPIRATION OF R&D TAX CREDIT**

Arlington, Va. -- Telecommunications Industry Association (TIA) President Matthew J. Flanigan expressed disappointment today regarding Congress' failure to extend the important Research & Development (R&D) Tax Credit before the December 31, 2005, expiration date.

"The fact that this credit has once again been allowed to expire is very unfortunate. This action reflects our government's lack of appreciation of the value of research and innovation. The credit was established in 1981 and has been extended 11 times. It will not encourage innovation and domestic research if companies lack the confidence that the credit will continue to be available to them. Without this confidence, companies increasingly will be forced to look elsewhere to conduct their research."

The R&D Tax Credit helps nearly 16,000 small, medium and large companies in every state of the Union, and each time the credit has been allowed to expire, the research costs for each of these companies have also risen. With more than 75 percent of credit dollars used to provide high skilled, high wage R&D jobs in America, the country's long-term competitiveness is at stake. TIA believes it is time that Congress strengthens and makes the R&D tax credit permanent now.

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