

## **NIC Promotes International Cooperation in Nuclear Energy Development at British Embassy Event**

On September 17, 2010, the U.S. Nuclear Infrastructure Council, along with UK Trade & Investment, the North of England Inward Investment Agency, and the UK National Nuclear Laboratory, co-sponsored the British Nuclear Power Update at the British Embassy. NIC's sponsorship of this event is part of its new Global Perspectives initiative, an outgrowth of a mission to the UK earlier this year, and represents a continuing pursuit of international cooperation in technological and business development for nuclear energy advances.

At the British Embassy, representatives of the UK National Nuclear Laboratory, one of the leading nuclear research organizations in the United Kingdom, presented a program focusing on the array of investment opportunities in nuclear reactor development and recent fuel cycle innovations towards a sustainable supply chain in Britain. The UK's new build program represents business partnerships between UK and international companies ready to contribute 16GW of nuclear reactors towards the British and overseas markets from 2017 onwards.

Poised on the precipice of this new nuclear build along with support for its existing reactors, the United Kingdom stands at the forefront of a worldwide nuclear renaissance. With fifty years of experience in nuclear energy production, the UK has cultivated a wealth of knowledge and understanding of the importance nuclear energy plays in the green economy of the 21<sup>st</sup> century, experience and knowledge which can be of assistance to the United States' own pursuit of this valuable energy source. This event, and others like it, are an opportunity for mutual cooperation and exchange between the US and UK nuclear energy and business communities.

Participants at the luncheon included representatives from various NIC membership organizations, such as AREVA, EDF, Energy Solutions, FLOUR, GE Hitachi Nuclear Energy, Northrop Grumman, Talisman International, Westinghouse, URS, and USEC, along with the British Embassy and other sponsoring organizations.