

**CONGRESSIONAL URBAN CAUCUS
BRIEFING**

**Anchor Institutions as Partners
in Building Successful Communities
and Local Economies**

Retooling HUD for a Catalytic Federal Government: A Report to
Secretary Shaun Donovan

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The U.S. Capitol, Room HC - 6**

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Urban institutions of higher education and academic medical centers are “anchors” for their communities - heavily investing in the livelihood and economic prosperity of their local neighborhoods and regions. *Retooling HUD for a Catalytic Federal Government: A Report to Secretary Shaun Donovan*, produced by the Penn Institute for Urban Research, outlines a new role for HUD, including important strategies to advance urban revitalization by engaging anchor institutions in collaborative partnerships with Federal, state, and local government. The congressional briefing will present the report’s recommendations for HUD to leverage anchor institutions-community collaborations and discuss strategies and policies for involving anchor institutions in building healthy and sustainable urban communities.

Welcome and Opening Remarks

Rep. Chaka Fattah, Chair, Congressional Urban Caucus

Rep. Michael Turner, Vice-Chair, Congressional Urban Caucus

Overview

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Eugenie Birch and Susan Wachter, Co-Directors of Penn Institute for Urban Research

Paul Brophy, Report’s Project Director, Principal, Brophy & Reilly LLC

Panel Discussion

Wim Wiewel, President, Portland State University

James Harris, President, Widener University

David Cox, Executive Assistant to the President and Professor, University of Memphis

Amy Liu, Deputy Director, Metropolitan Policy Program, The Brookings Institution

David Murrasse, President and CEO, MARGA Incorporated