

Biographical Sketch of John Sargent

John Sargent recently retired following 30 years of federal service in science and technology policy, including 15 years with the Congressional Research Service and 15 years with the Department of Commerce.

At CRS, John conducted quantitative and qualitative analyses on a wide range of science and technology policy topics; authored/co-authored more than four dozen reports; conducted seminars; prepared confidential memoranda; and consulted with Members and staff on issues and legislation. John's work focused on federal, national, and international research and development (R&D); research security; manufacturing; semiconductors; nanotechnology; science and engineering (S&E) workforce; and technology transfer. John served as lead CRS analyst on Department of Defense research, development, testing, and evaluation (RDT&E) funding; the National Institute of Standards and Technology; and the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy.

At the Commerce Department's Technology Administration, John conducted analysis on issues affecting U.S. scientific and technological innovation, leadership, and competitiveness, including R&D, nanotechnology, and the S&E workforce for the Under Secretary for Technology and Assistant Secretary for Technology Policy. John co-authored *Technology in the National Interest*, a seminal White House report on the nation's technology policy, and a legislatively mandated report from the Secretary of Commerce to Congress on the education and training of the information technology workforce. John also served as Director of the Secretariat for Partnership for a New Generation of Vehicles, a Clinton Administration flagship R&D program between seven federal agencies and the U.S. automobile industry (including GM, Ford, and DaimlerChrysler), universities, and national laboratories.

John earned a bachelor of science in systems engineering from the University of Virginia's School of Engineering and Applied Sciences. He also served as an officer in the U.S. Army Reserve, graduating from the Engineer Officer Basic Course and the Defense Information School Public Affairs Officer Course.