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## **SIIA Applauds Senate Passage of Patent Reform Legislation**

**Washington, D.C. (September 8, 2011)** -- The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA), the principal trade association for the software and digital content industries, today commended the U.S. Senate for its passage of the America Invents Act, H.R. 1249. First passed by the U.S. House of Representatives in June, the America Invents Act will now be sent to the White House for the signature of President Obama.

"The America Invents Act is an investment in innovation," said Ken Wasch, SIIA President. "The legislation makes critical, necessary patent improvements that will drive our country's continued leadership in the software and information industries."

"SIIA has continually called for patent reform, and we are pleased to see U.S. patent law move in the right direction," said Scott Bain, SIIA's Chief Litigation Counsel. The America Invents Act will enhance patent quality and encourage growth in sectors that are poised to create jobs and renew our economy.

#### **About SIIA**

The Software & Information Industry Association (SIIA) is the principal trade association for the software and digital content industry. SIIA provides global services in government relations, business development, corporate education and intellectual property protection to more than 500 leading software and information companies. For further information, visit [www.siia.net](http://www.siia.net).