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These documents show the variety of government perspectives toward the challenges and opportunities of a modern global digital economy. They range from the smallest state in the United States (Rhode Island) to larger nations such as the United Kingdom. They provide not only a sense of how different political bodies situate themselves in the challenges of the world but also their perceived capacity for response. Since our conference is as much about the political economic environment of regions as it is about business opportunities, understanding the framework in which firms work and its potential for change is essential.