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## Michael Burcham to Co-Chair National Advisory Council on Entrepreneurship and Innovation

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Nashville Entrepreneur Center CEO Michael Burcham is taking on a new role that could have a national impact.

This week, U.S. Secretary of Commerce Penny Pritzker announced that 27 people will join the National Advisory Council on Innovation and Entrepreneurship.

Burcham, well-known in Nashville's entrepreneur community, will co-chair the Council from 2014 till 2016.

"NACIE members will advise the Secretary of Commerce on issues related to accelerating innovation, expanding entrepreneurship and developing a globally competitive workforce," according to a statement from the United States Department of Commerce.

NACIE will operate within the national Office of Innovation and Entrepreneurship, which is part of the Department of Commerce's Economic Development Administration.

Like many Nashville entrepreneurs, Burcham began his career at HCA. Since his time there, Burcham has held leadership positions at several health care companies. In addition to serving as the Entrepreneur Center's CEO, he teaches at Vanderbilt's Owen Graduate School of Business.

Burcham's co-chair on the council is James Clements, president of Clemson University.

Other members include executives from Ernst & Young, General Electric and Blackstone Charitable Foundation among many others.

NACIE will meet four times per year, starting in December 2014.