 

**Congressman Swalwell visits Topcon, discusses job creation and infrastructure renewal**

*LIVERMORE, Calif. – January 18, 2018 –* Topcon Positioning Group, a world leader in positioning instruments for survey and construction, hosted Representative Eric Swalwell (D-CA) recently, discussing job growth in the Tri-Valley region and how digital technology and automation can address productivity and efficiency concerns to rebuild U.S. infrastructure projects.

Swalwell toured the Topcon manufacturing facilities and spoke with Ray O’Connor, Topcon Positioning Group president and CEO, about opportunities in U.S. infrastructure planning.

O’Connor said, “I want to thank Congressman Swalwell for his interest in Topcon as a job provider in the Tri-Valley area. It was also a pleasure speaking with him about our role in the meeting point where construction productivity is improved by applying advanced positioning technology — we call it [The Intersection of Infrastructure and Technology](https://www.topconpositioning.com/infrastructure).

“We have a tremendous opportunity to rebuild the U.S. infrastructure with technology — addressing the immediate demand for improvements to our roads, bridges, dams, airports, schools, and more by providing opportunities to increase productivity for contractors.

“Integrating smart technology into construction is the only reliable way to meet the productivity demands that will be required to get it done efficiently. This reality has prompted government directives in countries such as Japan, the United Kingdom and Germany to incorporate smart technology in infrastructure projects. The U.S. needs a long-term plan to not only rebuild its infrastructure, but also keep it sustainable and highly rated,” said O’Connor.

Swalwell, in a statement on his website, said, “My top priority is to create new jobs, opportunities, and prosperity for all in California’s Fifteenth Congressional District and expand the middle class through a focus on innovation and technology.”

Topcon employs more than 400 people in its Livermore campuses and approximately 4000 people worldwide.

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Photo 1: Ray O’Connor, Topcon Positioning Group president and CEO, (center-right) discusses infrastructure opportunities with Representative Eric Swalwell (center-left).

Photo 2: Representative Swalwell (center) meets with Topcon Positioning Group leaders.