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Appropriations section of Conference Report...

National Institute of Standards and Technology

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES

For necessary expenses of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$472,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which not to exceed \$9,000,000 may be transferred to the ``Working Capital Fund'': Provided, That not to exceed \$5,000 shall be for official reception and representation expenses: Provided further, That within the amounts appropriated, \$3,000,000 shall be used for the projects, and in the amounts, specified in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act).

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

For necessary expenses of the Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$110,000,000, to remain available until expended. In addition, for necessary expenses of the Technology Innovation Program of the National Institute of Standards and Technology, \$65,000,000, to remain available until expended.

CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

For construction of new research facilities, including architectural and engineering design, and for renovation and maintenance of existing facilities, not otherwise provided for the National Institute of Standards and Technology, as authorized by 15 U.S.C. 278c-278e, \$172,000,000, to remain available until expended, of which \$30,000,000 is for a competitive construction grant program for research science buildings: Provided, That within the amounts appropriated, \$44,000,000 shall be used for the projects, and in the amounts, specified in the explanatory statement described in section 4 (in the matter preceding division A of this consolidated Act): Provided further, That the Secretary of Commerce shall include in the budget justification materials that the Secretary submits to Congress in support of the Department of Commerce budget (as submitted with the budget of the President under section 1105(a) of title 31, United States Code) an estimate

for each National Institute of Standards and Technology construction project having a total multi-year program cost of more than \$5,000,000 and simultaneously the budget justification materials shall include an estimate of the budgetary requirements for each such project for each of the five subsequent fiscal years.

Committee language section...

SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES

The bill includes \$472,000,000 for NIST's scientific and technical core programs, of which no less than \$8,522,000 shall be for the Baldrige National Quality Program. Within 30 days of enactment of this Act, NIST is directed to provide a spend plan that coincides with the budget restructuring the agency proposed to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations on July 7, 2008. NIST is encouraged to devote resources to its Measurement & Standards for Climate Change Program and the Office of Law Enforcement Standards.

Printed electronics study.--Flexible, large area and printed electronics technology holds great promise for the competitiveness of the United States. NIST shall enter into an agreement with the National Academy of Sciences to undertake a study that examines the position of the United States in flexible electronics relative to efforts in other countries. The National Academies shall also consider the particular technologies and commercial sectors to which flexible electronics apply and the recommendations that must be undertaken at a Federal level for a national initiative.

Working Capital Fund (WCF).--Within the appropriation, the bill provides up to \$9,000,000 for transfer to NIST's WCF, which is \$3,300,000 less than the budget request.

NIST is directed to refrain from charging administrative costs for congressionally directed projects, and is expected to provide appropriate management and oversight of each grant. Within the appropriation, \$3,000,000 is provided for the following congressionally directed activities:

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INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The bill includes \$175,000,000 for industrial technology services. Of this amount, \$110,000,000 is provided for the Manufacturing Extension Partnerships (MEP) and \$65,000,000 is provided for the Technology Innovation Program (TIP).

CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

The bill includes \$172,000,000 for construction of research facilities. NIST is directed to provide to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations a spend plan for the funding provided within 30 days of enactment of this Act. NIST is further directed to provide annual reports on the status of all construction projects, and to provide an accounting of such projects to the House and Senate Committees on Appropriations.

Funds for NIST construction are to be available as follows:

Boulder Bldg. 1E; JILA expansion; Safety, capacity, major modifications & repairs.....	
\$90,800,000	
NIST Child care center.....	
7,200,000	
Construction grants program.....	
30,000,000	
Congressionally directed projects.....	
44,000,000	

Competitive construction grants.--The bill provides \$30,000,000 for competitive construction grants for research science buildings. These grants shall be awarded to colleges, universities and other non-profit science research organizations on a merit basis.

NIST is further directed to refrain from charging administrative costs for congressionally directed projects and competitive construction grants, and is expected to provide appropriate management and oversight of each grant. Within the appropriation, \$44,000,000 is provided for the following congressionally directed activities: