

*"Taken from House Conference Report 106-1005  
FY 2001 Appropriations bill Conference Report..."*

*NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY*

*SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH AND SERVICES*

*The conference agreement includes \$312,617,000 for the internal (core) research account of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), instead of \$292,056,000 as proposed in the House bill, and \$305,003,000 as proposed in the Senate-reported amendment.*

*The conference agreement provides funds for the core research programs of NIST as follows:*

<i>Electronics and Electrical Engineering</i>	<i>40,127,000</i>
<i>Manufacturing Engineering</i>	<i>19,821,000</i>
<i>Chemical Science and Technology</i>	<i>33,360,000</i>
<i>Physics</i>	<i>31,556,000</i>
<i>Material Sciences and Engineering</i>	<i>54,658,000</i>
<i>Building and Fire Research</i>	<i>17,124,000</i>
<i>Computer Science and Applied Mathematics</i>	<i>52,551,000</i>
<i>Technology Assistance</i>	<i>17,349,000</i>
<i>Baldrige Quality Awards</i>	<i>5,205,000</i>
<i>Research Support</i>	<i>36,599,000</i>
<i>Infrastructure Protection Research Grants</i>	<i>5,000,000</i>
<i>Subtotal</i>	<i>313,350,000</i>
<i>Deobligations</i>	<i>(733,000)</i>
<i>Total</i>	<i>312,617,000</i>

*In addition, the conference agreement includes funding for the Physics program as referenced in the Senate report. Of the funding provided for Computer Science and Applied Mathematics, \$3,000,000 is for expert review teams, and \$4,000,000 is for internal critical infrastructure protection activities. Funding is included for the Building and Fire Program at \$1,192,000 above the budget request, and \$2,000,000 is to continue the disaster research program on effects of windstorms on protective structures and other technologies begun in fiscal year 1998. A total of \$282,000 is authorized to be transferred to the NIST working capital fund, as*

*referenced in the House bill instead of \$6,200,000 as referenced in the Senate-reported amendment. Language regarding the placement of NIST personnel overseas is included as in the House report.*

*Funding of \$5,000,000 is provided for a new program to award research grants for critical infrastructure protection. NIST is required to submit an implementation plan for this new, competitive grant program, prior to obligation of funding.*

## **INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES**

*The conference agreement includes \$250,837,000 for the NIST external research account, instead of \$104,836,000 as proposed in the House bill, and \$262,737,000 as proposed in the Senate-reported amendment.*

*Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program.--The conference agreement includes \$105,137,000 for the Manufacturing Extension Partnership Program (MEP), instead of \$104,836,000 as proposed in the House bill, and \$109,137,000 as proposed in the Senate-reported amendment. The conference agreement includes no funding for new initiatives. Additional funding is provided for the centers. The conference agreement incorporates direction in the Senate report that the Northern Great Plains Initiative e-commerce project should assist small manufacturers with marketing and business development purposes in rural areas.*

*Advanced Technology Program.--The conference agreement includes \$145,700,000 for the Advanced Technology Program (ATP), instead of \$153,600,000 as proposed in the Senate-reported amendment, and no funding as proposed in the House bill. The amount of carryover funding available in fiscal year 2001 is \$45,000,000, providing total available funding of \$190,700,000 for fiscal year 2001.*

*The recommendation provides the following: (1) \$84,800,000 for continued funding requirements for awards made in fiscal years 1996, 1997, 1998, 1999, and 2000; (2) \$60,700,000 for new awards in fiscal year 2001; and (3) \$45,200,000 for administration, internal NIST lab support and Small Business Innovation Research requirements.*

*The conference agreement includes bill language, modified from the Senate language, designating \$60,700,000 for new ATP awards.*

## *CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES*

*The conference agreement provides \$34,879,000 for construction, renovation and maintenance of NIST facilities, instead of \$26,000,000 as proposed in the House bill, and \$28,879,000 as proposed in the Senate-reported amendment.*

*Of the amount provided, \$14,000,000 is for grants and cooperative agreements as referenced in Section 209 of this Act; and \$20,879,000 is for safety, capacity, maintenance, and repair projects at NIST, including funding to address electrical service issues at NIST's Boulder campus.*