# **NIST Centers of Excellence (COEs)**

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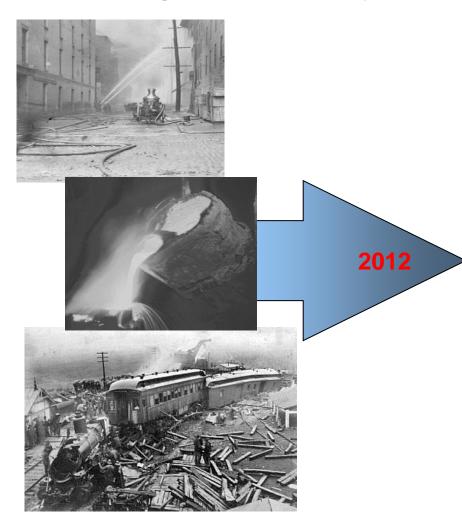
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Since our inception, in addition to maintaining the more traditional National physical standards, we have also focused a significant portion of our research and measurement services activities on addressing contemporary societal needs.

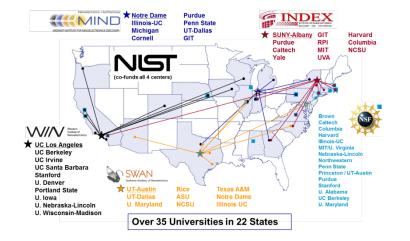


### **NIST Strategic Investment Priorities**

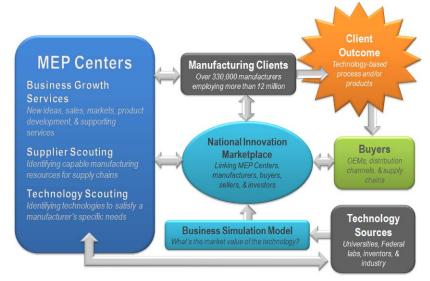
- Advanced Manufacturing
- Advanced Materials
- the Environment and Consumer Safety
- Energy
- Bioscience and Health
- Information Technology & Cybersecurity
- Physical Infrastructure
- Forensics & Homeland Security

### Partnerships with Industry are Critical for NIST to carry out its Mission

#### **Industry Driven Consortia**



### Manufacturing Extension Partnership



# As are our partnerships with academia – NIST has four joint institutes and about to launch another



**JILA** NIST + University of Colorado

Institute for Bioscience and Biotechnology Research (IBBR) NIST + University of Maryland Biotechnology Institute





#### Joint Quantum Institute

NIST + University of Maryland + NSA

#### **Hollings Marine Laboratory**

NIST + NOAA + SCDNR + College of Charleston + Medical University of South Carolina



# **President's FY13 Budget Request**

- Incudes \$20M for NIST to create up to 4 competitively-selected centers focused on emerging areas of national need, such as:
  - Advanced communications
  - Advanced manufacturing
  - Biomanufacturing
  - Cyberphysical systems
  - Materials modeling and design
  - Quantitative biology
- Centers would complement and extend NIST's measurement science capabilities and facilities in critical areas of emerging technologies
- Centers would/could expand NIST's presence beyond its two campuses in Gaithersburg and Boulder

## **Immediate Questions to be Answered**

- Nature of the New Centers
  - Aligned with a subset of NIST investment priority areas?
  - OU based
  - All new or can some resources be used to augment existing Joint Institutes?
  - Pick one winner and invest all the chips?
- Governance Model
- Basis for selection

# **Proposed Framework and Governance Model**

- Each Center will operate on one-year, annually renewable cooperative agreements, contingent on a successful annual review and funding availability, for a period not to exceed 5 years.
  - Wonder if this is realistic
- An executive board, comprised of NIST, institutional staff, and optionally an industrial liaison member(s), will have primary decision-making authority.
- Technical research staff to be supplied by both NIST and the partner institution, with opportunities for personnel exchanges between the two.
- NIST will conduct a review of all programs at each Center on an annual basis, and the Center should submit an annual progress report for the previous year as well as a proposed program plan for the upcoming year.
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# **Proposed Selection Criteria**

## **Proposers will need to address:**

- Strengths and expertise in regards to technical personnel and programmatic resources (staff, facilities, equipment, external partnerships) in a specific topic area.
- Ability to develop measurement science to promote innovation in a specific topic area using pre-existing expertise and capabilities as a foundation.
- Quality of the proposed research activities to be undertaken
- Capability of providing a cohesive, collaborative, and multidisciplinary research environment.
- Proposed collaborative research with NIST researchers
- Clearly-articulated plan to engage industry in providing research direction and dissemination of measurement science to industry.
- Geographical diversity

We'd like your input

# FY12: National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence (NCCoE) (\$10M)

- Public-private collaboration to design, implement, test, and demonstrate integrated cybersecurity solutions and promote their widespread adoption.
- Center hosts "Use Cases" that:
  - Represent complex cybersecurity business challenges
  - Require an integrated solution that has clear benefits for one or more particular industry sectors
- Results from NCCoE projects will be shared with the broad IT user and vendor communities.
- "Use Cases" demonstrate cybersecurity principles and practices that are feasible for businesses and measure them against standards.
  - Health Care IT Use Case Q4FY12
  - Cloud IT Use Case Q1FY13
  - Continuous Monitoring Use Case Q1FY13

The State of Maryland and Montgomery County, Md., will partner with NIST in the New National Cybersecurity Center of Excellence. A Memorandum of Understanding was signed Feb. 21, 2012

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# **Thanks for Your Attention**

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## **Questions and Comments?**

