STRUCTURE AND LEADERSHIP OF NIST

The NIST administrative structure changed several times during the years 1991-2009. A few changes of note included the creation in April 2007 of two new operating units—the National Center for Neutron Research and the Center for Nanoscale Science and Technology. The former had previously been a division in the Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory. These changes first appeared on the March 2008 organizational chart.

Another change was the establishment of the position of Chief Scientist in the Director’s Office in June 2006. The first appointment appeared on the January 2007 organizational chart. The Chief Scientist position reported to the Director, and was created to assist the Director and other NIST senior management in identifying specific technical opportunities for NIST, ensuring that NIST continues its legacy of technical excellence, and representing NIST at a high level in technical meetings and in international matters. The Chief Scientist also helped promote and plan science, technology, engineering, and mathematics education programs at NIST.

The NIST organization chart of May 2009 is included in this appendix.