



## Call for White Papers

The National Institute of Standards and Technology's (NIST) Technology Innovation Program (TIP) is seeking white papers to fulfill its mission "...to support, promote, and accelerate innovation in the United States through high-risk, high-reward research in areas of critical national need."

White papers are being sought to help shape TIP's collaborative outreach and competitions in the future. TIP is interested in receiving white papers from anyone including academia; Federal, State, and local governments; industry; and professional organizations/societies.

The white papers should include:

- A description of an area of critical national need and the associated societal challenge(s).
- An explanation on how the societal challenge topic area(s) could lead to proposal submissions of high-risk, high-reward, transformational research that could meet the identified challenge(s) within an area(s) of critical national need.

These white papers along with the vision of the administration, NIST, other government agencies, the technical communities, and other stakeholders, will be incorporated into the TIP competition selection process for the purpose of understanding the significance and scope needed to adequately address areas of critical national need and associated societal challenges.

For detailed instructions on how to prepare and submit white papers please refer to "*A Guide for Preparing and Submitting White Papers on Areas of Critical National Need*," available at [http://www.nist.gov/tip/guide\\_for\\_white\\_papers.pdf](http://www.nist.gov/tip/guide_for_white_papers.pdf) or by calling 1-888-847-6478.

The deadline for submission of white papers to TIP is **December 1, 2008**.

For your information the white paper that formed the foundation for the TIP 2008 competition can be found at [http://www.nist.gov/tip/cnn\\_white\\_paperfinal.pdf](http://www.nist.gov/tip/cnn_white_paperfinal.pdf).

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