

Vision and Strategy: National Semiconductor Technology Center

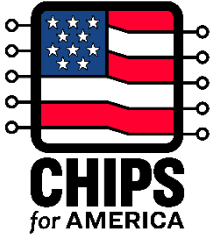
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CHIPS for America



\$39 billion for manufacturing

Two component programs:

1. Attract large-scale investments in advanced technologies such as leading-edge logic and memory
2. Incentivize expansion of manufacturing capacity for mature and other types of semiconductors

\$11 billion for R&D

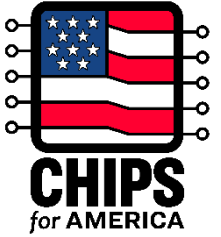
Four integrated programs to:

1. Conduct research and prototyping of advanced semiconductor technology
2. Strengthen semiconductor advanced test, assembly, and packaging
3. Enable advances in measurement science, standards, material characterization, instrumentation, testing, and manufacturing

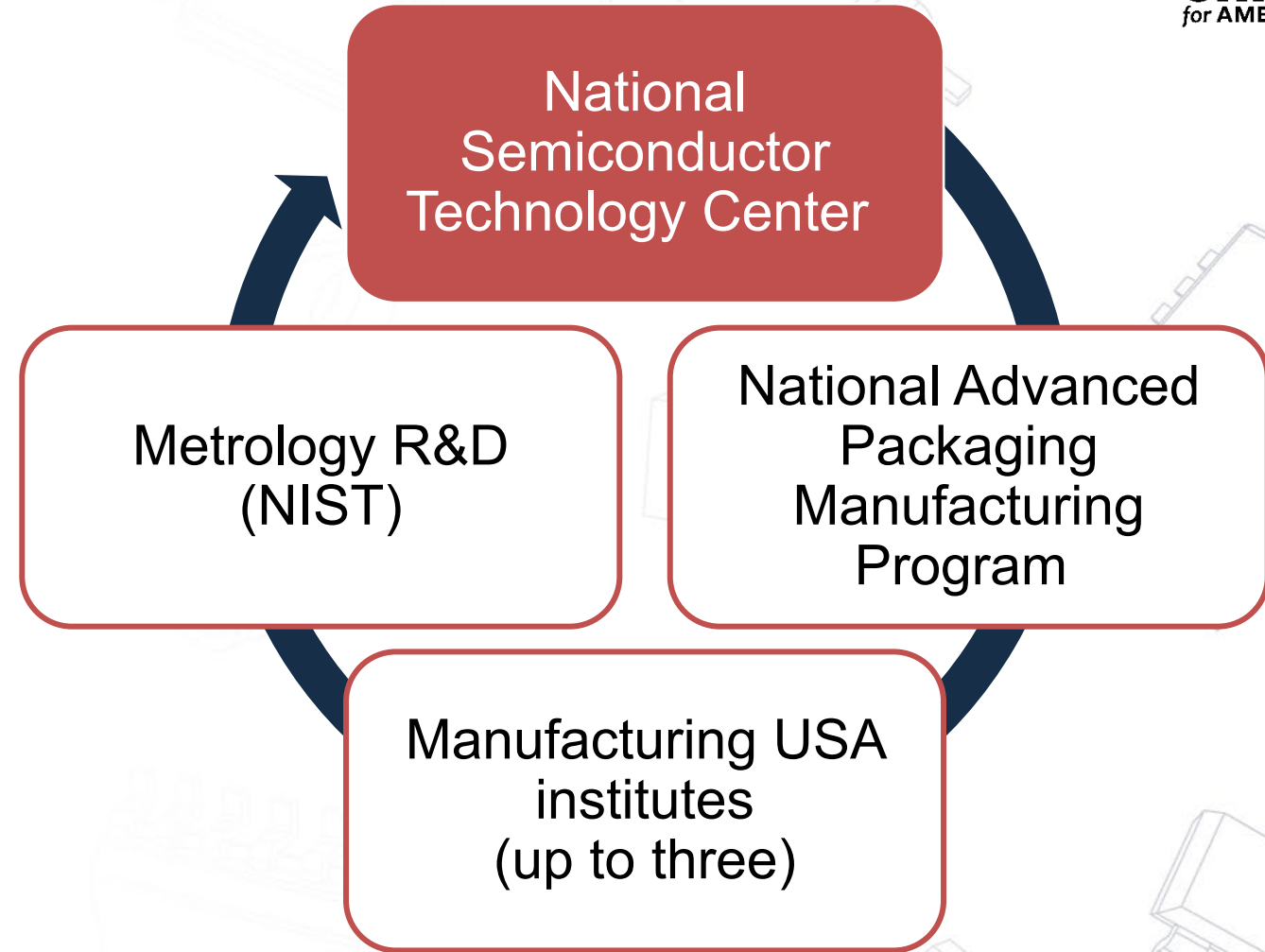
Plus CHIPS initiatives from other agencies, including DOD, State, NSF, and Treasury

Workforce development

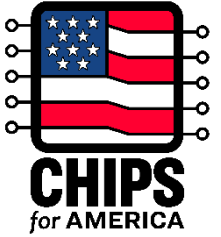
CHIPS for America R&D



- To strengthen and advance U.S. leadership in R&D
- An integrated ecosystem that drives innovation
- In partnership with industry, academia, government, and allies
- A strategic view of R&D infrastructure, participant value-proposition, and technology focus areas
- Informed by the Industrial Advisory Committee



Challenges



1

Prototyping, testing, and scaling is too costly for most organizations to undertake

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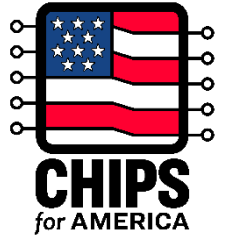
Researchers and developers do not have easy access to test facilities and equipment, or digital design tools and data set

3

Without these rich grounds for innovation and education, the U.S. lags in innovation

The U.S. needs a research and development ecosystem that is

- robust
- holistic
- inclusive



Industries of the Future

Will welcome the participation of semiconductor users, device makers, designers, application and software product developers, and other market shapers to develop promising use cases to bring to commercialization.

Focal Point

Will have a core of centrally operated, in-house research, engineering, and program capabilities combined with a network of directly funded and affiliated entities that takes advantage of regional expertise and assets throughout the country. The NSTC also will serve as a key convening body for the ecosystem.

U.S. Leadership

Will work with allies to complement and reinforce existing research assets and capabilities, while strengthening and growing U.S. capacity.

The National Semiconductor Technology Center (NSTC) will serve as the focal point for research and engineering throughout the semiconductor ecosystem, advancing and enabling disruptive innovation to provide U.S. leadership in the industries of the future.

Research and Engineering

Will work across a range of activities including applied research, start-up company support, prototyping of devices and processes in a real-world environment, challenges related to scaling, or development of advanced manufacturing tools and processes.

Disruptive Innovation

Will focus research and engineering on challenging projects with a time horizon beyond 5 years. NSTC will focus on delivering broad benefits to the U.S. semiconductor ecosystem, even when working with individual entities.

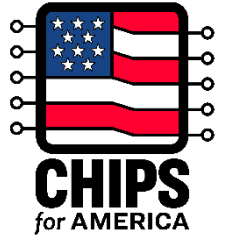
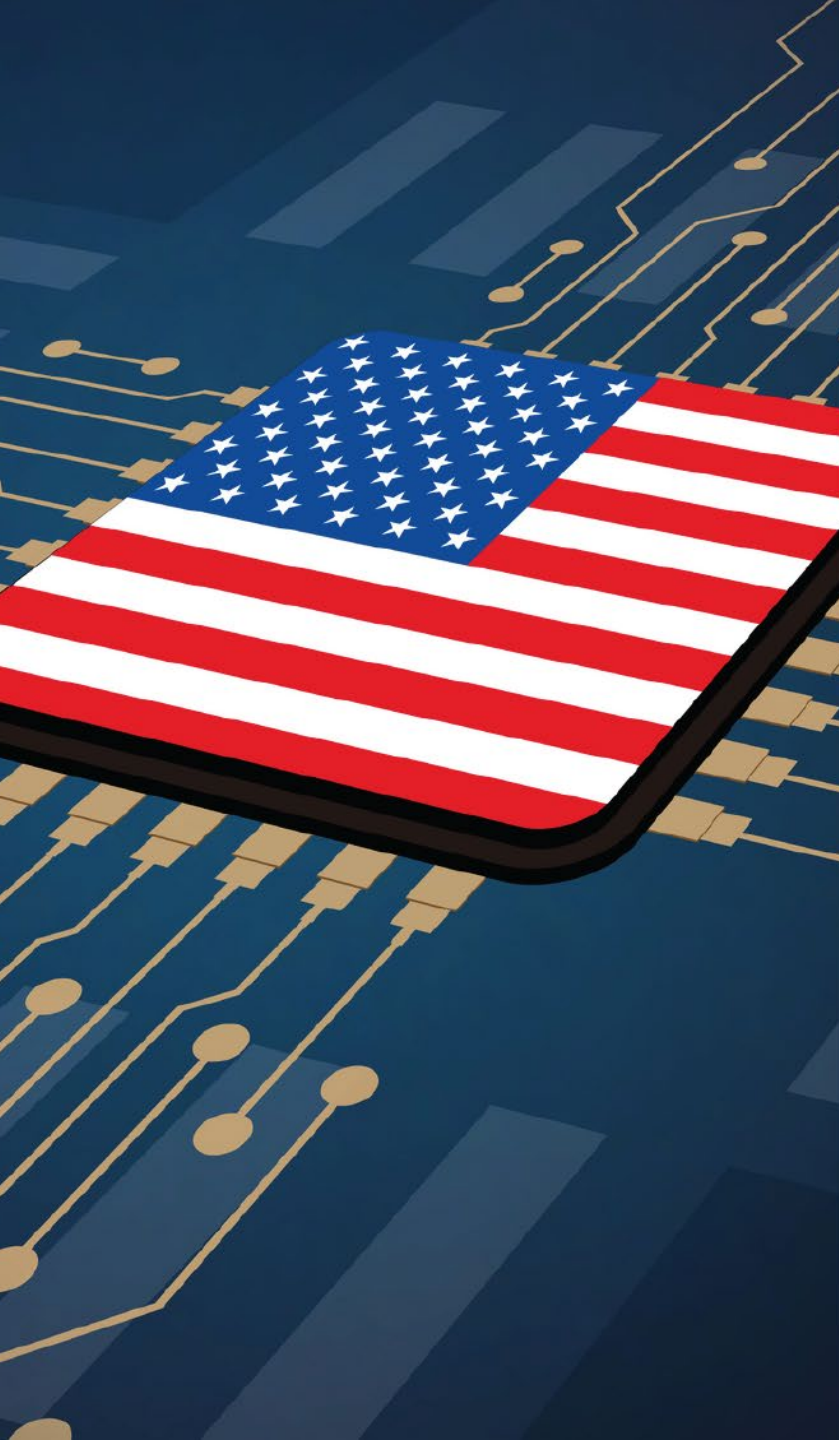
Advancing and Enabling

Will engage in and support research through collaboration, technical exchanges, convenings, and grant programs.

Semiconductor Ecosystem

Will work across the semiconductor technical stack and its supply chain, including design, materials, capital equipment, and facilities. The NSTC charter also extends to the broader community that supports and enables the industry, such as workforce and training institutions, capital providers, and semiconductor end users.

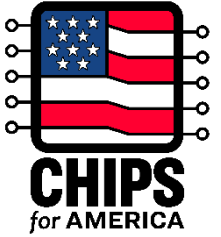
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NSTC VISION

By the decade's end, the NSTC should be viewed throughout the world as an essential resource within the broad semiconductor ecosystem with a network of respected scientists and engineers, state-of-the-art facilities, effective programs, and demonstrated technical achievements.

Goals

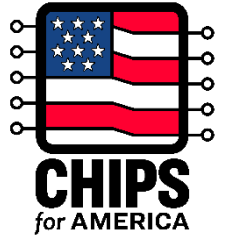


Extend U.S. technology leadership to provide the foundation for future applications and industries for economic and national security

Significantly reduce the time and cost of moving from design idea to commercialization, making semiconductor design capabilities accessible to a wide range of stakeholders

Build and sustain a semiconductor workforce development ecosystem

Programs



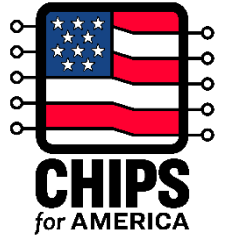
Technology leadership



Community assets

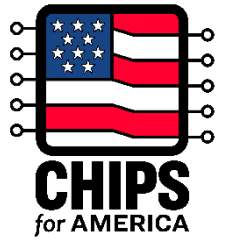


Workforce



TECHNOLOGY LEADERSHIP

- In-house and funded research
- Grand challenges and road maps
- Standards and protocols
- Technical exchanges
- Security



COMMUNITY ASSETS

- Chiplets
- Design Enablement Gateway
- Data sets
- Patents
- Technical centers for prototyping, research, and experimentation

POTENTIAL AFFILIATED TECHNICAL CENTERS

Design tools

Power

Process and
production
R&D

RF, analog,
and mixed
signal

Memory

Microelectro-
mechanical
systems

Mature node

Bioelectronics

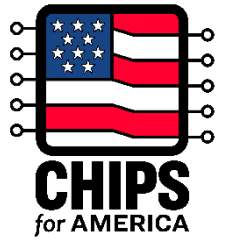
Photonics

Device
security

Baseline CMOS and CMOS R&D

Advanced packaging

NSTC HQ core functions

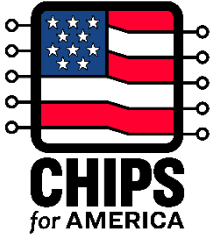


WORKFORCE PROGRAMS

FOR SCIENTISTS, ENGINEERS, AND TECHNICIANS

- Outreach to groups, including underrepresented communities
- Support scale-up of existing quality programs
- Develop novel approaches to training

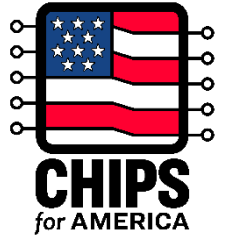
Membership Examples



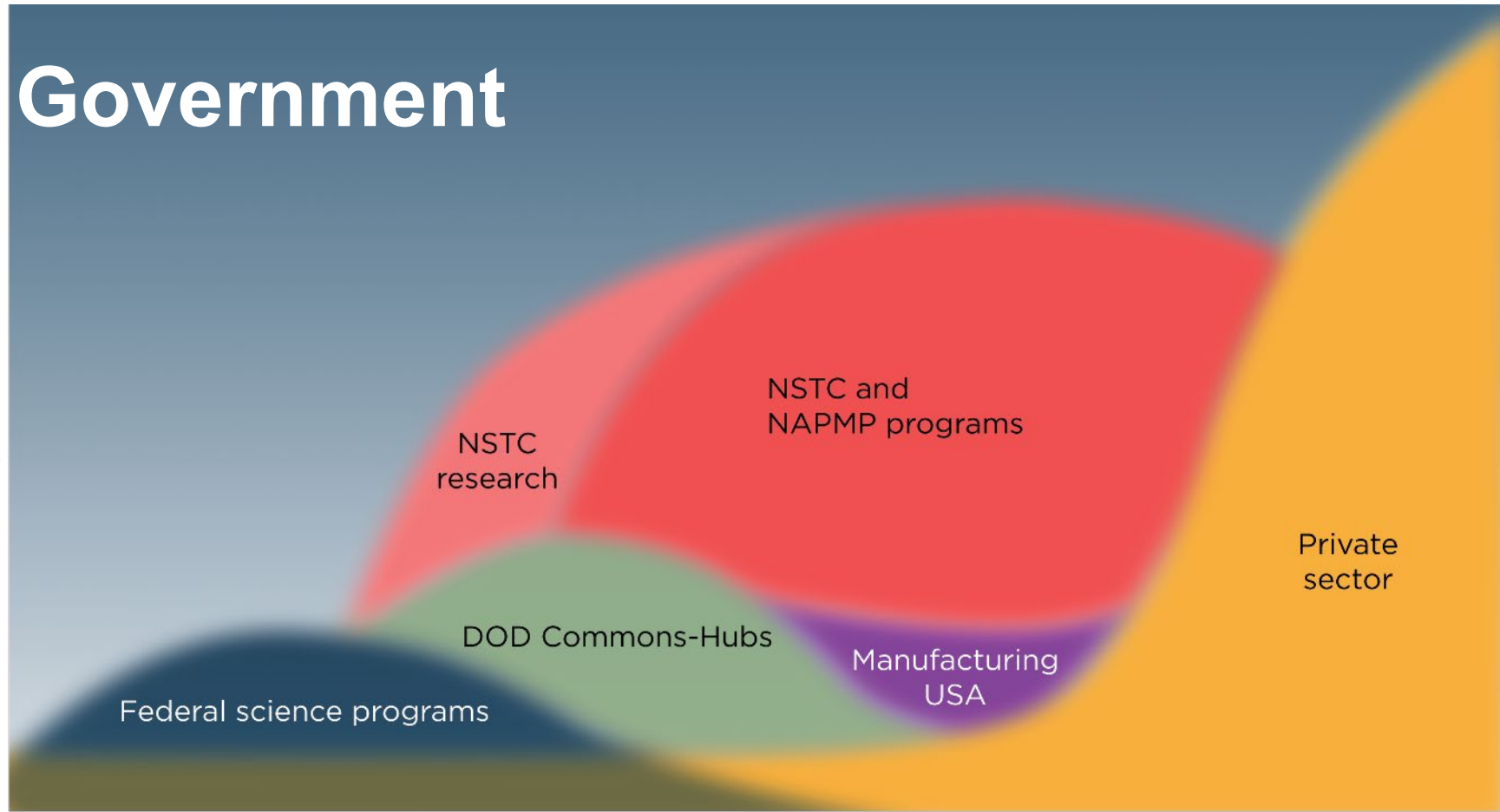
- Businesses of all sizes and at all stages
- Fabless companies
- Foundries
- Integrated device manufacturers
- Equipment vendors
- Materials suppliers
- Research institutions, including minority serving institutions
- Community colleges
- State and local governments
- National labs
- Labor unions
- Investors



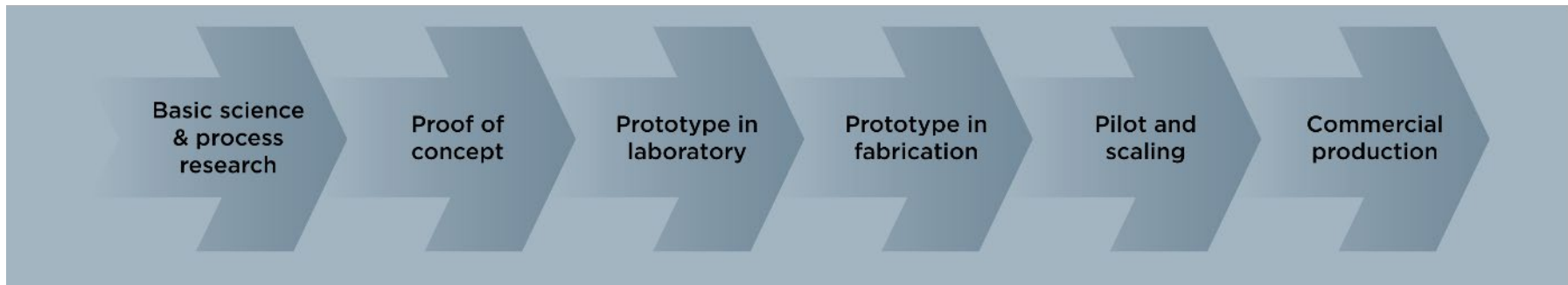
Whole of Government

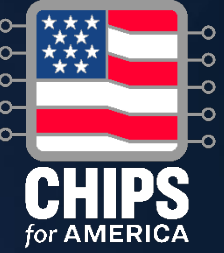


Investment



Stages of Innovation

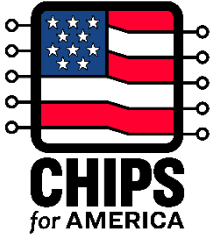




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Governance Recommendations



“Establish NSTC as an independent legal entity in public-private partnership by the end of 2023. The Secretary of Commerce should select a Board of Directors, and that Board should oversee both the NSTC and the NAPMP to ensure synergy and alignment in the investments. The Board members should include broad representation from government, industry, and academia.”

- “Structure the NSTC as a new and independent non-profit utilizing the Department’s Other Transaction Authority”
- “Recruit a highly respected executive with deep technical expertise and senior level leadership experience in the semiconductor industry to serve as the CEO of NSTC”

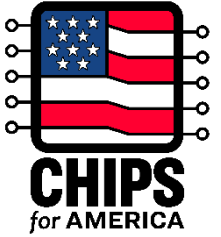
PCAST Report on Revitalizing the U.S. Semiconductor Ecosystem



DOC Industrial Advisory Committee PPP Working Group



Governance Overview



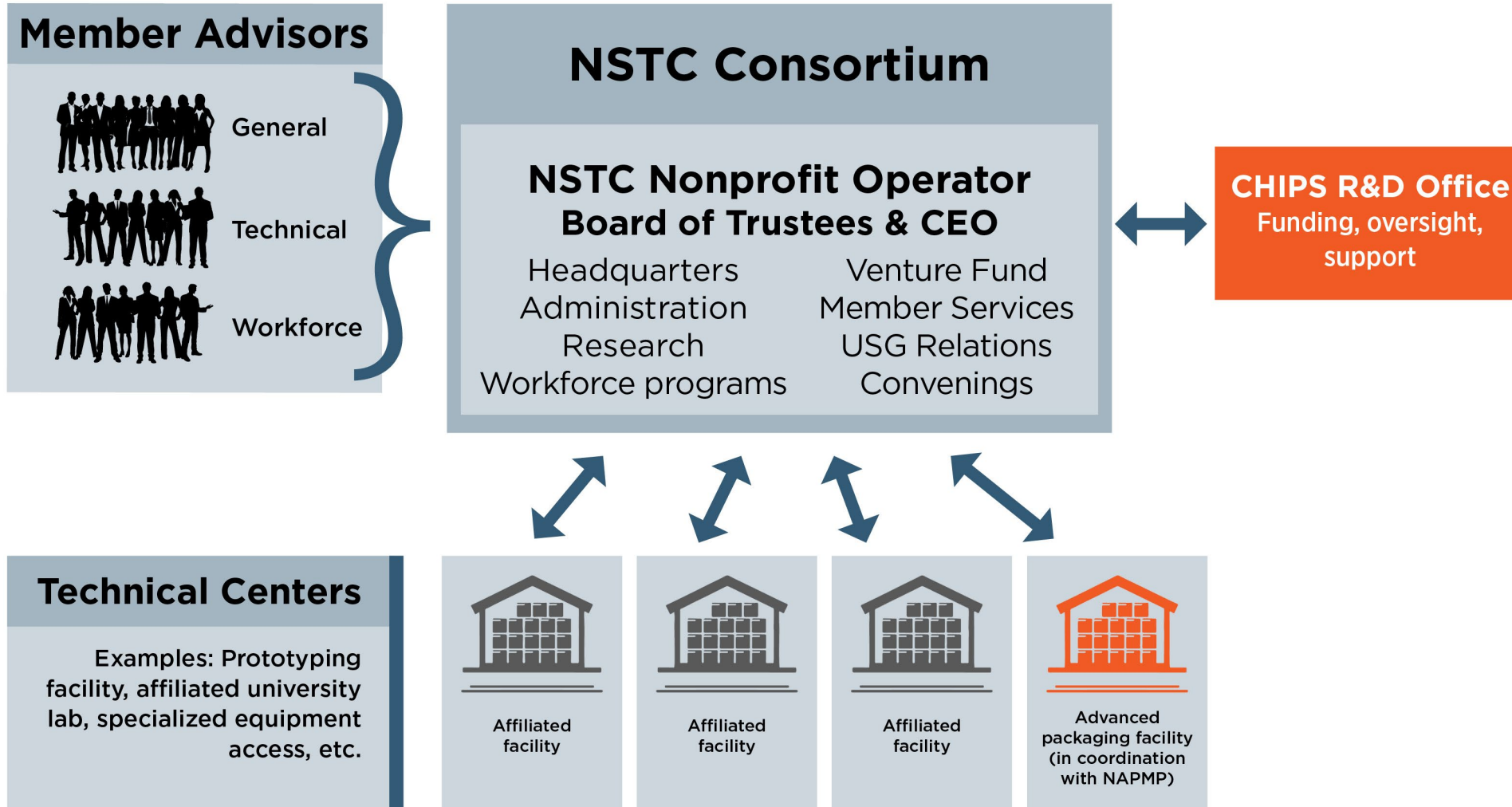
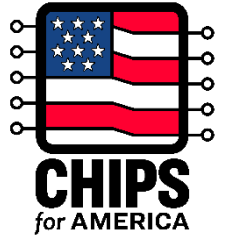
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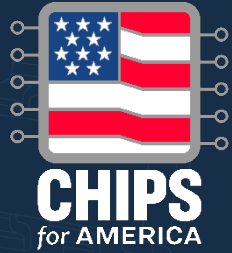
- Agile, fast-moving, flexible
- Responsive, accountable
- Neutral, trusted, science-driven
- Expert, independent
- World-class leadership
- Visionary
- Dedicated to the public interest
- Long-lasting

Steps:

1. The Secretary of Commerce, in collaboration with the Secretary of Defense, will establish the NSTC through the creation of a public-private consortium as required by the CHIPS Act.
2. The Department anticipates the creation of a new, purpose-built, independent, nonprofit entity with the requisite neutrality, expertise, leadership, and capacity to serve as the operator of the NSTC.
3. The Department anticipates entering into an agreement with the NSTC operator that will include the processes for receiving government funds, program scope, and accountability.

Operating Structure





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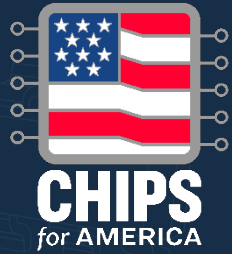
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A call for nominations for a short-term Selection Committee

The committee, acting independently of the Department, will select the board of trustees that will form a non-profit

The Department anticipates that the non-profit will serve as the operator for the NSTC





R&D TIMELINE

Notional timeline based on expectations at the time of the release of *A Vision and Strategy for the NSTC* on April 25, 2023.

April 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• A Vision and Strategy for the NSTC• FRN for Selection Committee
May 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Manufacturing USA summary of RFI responses• NIST Metrology Program paper on focus areas and next steps
Summer 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation of nonprofit entity that the Department anticipates will serve as the NSTC Operator• NAPMP strategy paper
Fall 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Creation of NSTC Consortium• CHIPS Incentives Program funding announcement for construction of R&D facilities
End 2023	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• NSTC membership details and first program offerings