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**House Report 109-272 - MAKING APPROPRIATIONS FOR SCIENCE,
THE DEPARTMENTS OF STATE, JUSTICE, AND COMMERCE, AND
RELATED AGENCIES FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING SEPTEMBER 30,
2006, AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES**

**NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND
TECHNOLOGY**

The conference agreement includes \$761,767,000 for the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), instead of \$548,744,000 as proposed by the House, and \$844,500,000 as proposed by the Senate.

**SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL RESEARCH
AND SERVICES**

The conference agreement includes \$399,869,000 for the Scientific and Technical Research and Services (core programs) of the NIST, as proposed by the Senate, instead of \$397,744,000 as proposed by the House. Of the funds made available, \$1,300,000 is provided for transfer to the NIST Working Capital Fund.

[Dollars in thousands]	Conference agreement
Electronics and Electrical Engineering	\$50,171
Manufacturing Engineering	22,132
Chemical Science and Technology	44,651
Physics	42,148
Materials Science and Engineering	33,064
Building and Fire Research	22,030
Computer Science and Applied Mathematics	64,572
Standards and Technology Services	15,926
National Research Facilities	37,434
National Quality Program	7,081
Research Support Activities	60,660
Total, STRS	399,869

The conference agreement includes, by reference, language in the Senate report regarding the Office of Law Enforcement Standards. The conference agreement also includes, by reference, language in the House report regarding the National Earthquake Hazards Reduction Program, and international standards negotiations.

Within the funding for Research Support Activities, the conference agreement continues funding of \$2,400,000 for a telework project and \$6,500,000 for a critical infrastructure program, both of which received similar funding in previous fiscal years. The conference agreement also includes \$1,027,000 for the For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology Program, \$1,503,000 for the Nanoparticle Risk Impact and Assessment Program, and \$612,000 for the Operation Safe Commerce Program. Finally, the amount for Research Support Activities includes \$4,864,000 for high priority requested program increases, such as the National Nanomanufacturing and Nanometrology Facility, biosystems and health, and quantum processing initiatives.

INDUSTRIAL TECHNOLOGY SERVICES

The conference agreement includes \$186,000,000 for Industrial Technology Services, instead of \$106,000,000 as proposed by the House, and \$246,000,000 as proposed by the Senate.

Hollings Manufacturing Extension Partnership (MEP)- The conference agreement includes \$106,000,000 for MEP, as proposed by both the House and the Senate. The conference agreement adopts, by reference, language in the House report regarding the requirements for applicants seeking assistance.

Advanced Technology Program- The conference agreement includes \$80,000,000 for the Advanced Technology Program, instead of \$140,000,000 as proposed by the Senate and no funding as proposed by the House. The conference agreement does not adopt bill language providing specific funding for new awards as proposed by the Senate.

CONSTRUCTION OF RESEARCH FACILITIES

The conference agreement includes \$175,898,000 for construction of research facilities, instead of \$45,000,000 as proposed by the House and \$198,631,000 as proposed by the Senate.

The conference agreement includes \$48,898,000 for maintenance, repair, construction and major renovations of the NIST campuses at Boulder, CO, and Gaithersburg, MD. The conferees provide \$35,498,000 for safety,

capacity, maintenance, and major repairs, including not less than \$5,000,000 for Advanced Measurement Lab maintenance; \$9,400,000 for central utility plant upgrades for the Boulder, CO campus; and \$4,000,000 for the NIST North relocation and remediation project. The balance of funds under this heading is allocated to activities specified in section 207.