

NIST Update

Visiting Committee on Advanced Technology

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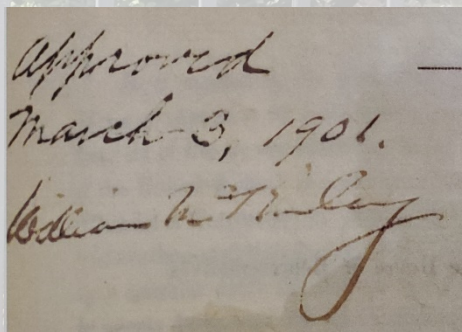
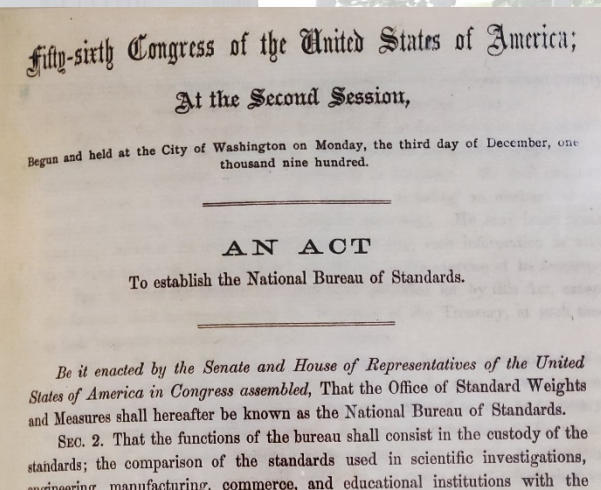
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NIST 120 Years

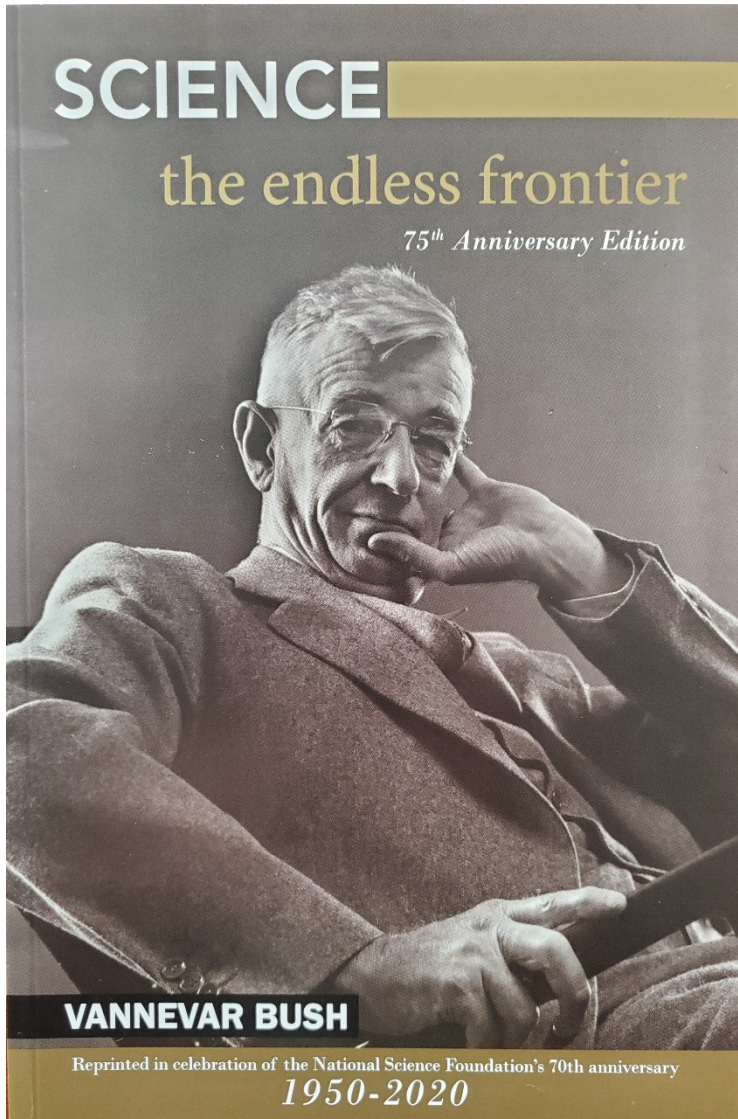
March 3, 2021

Planning a celebration to
commemorate the anniversary
of the founding of

The National Bureau of
Standards / NIST – 1901.



VCAT – A Historic Perspective



- VCAT chartered March 3, 1901 with the establishment of NBS / NIST in law

SEC. 10. That there shall be a visiting committee of five members, to be appointed by the Secretary of the Treasury, to consist of men prominent in the various interests involved, and not in the employ of the Government. This committee shall visit the bureau at least once a year, and report to the Secretary of the Treasury upon the efficiency of its scientific work and the condition of its equipment. The members of this committee shall serve without compensation, but shall be paid the actual expenses incurred in attending its meetings. The

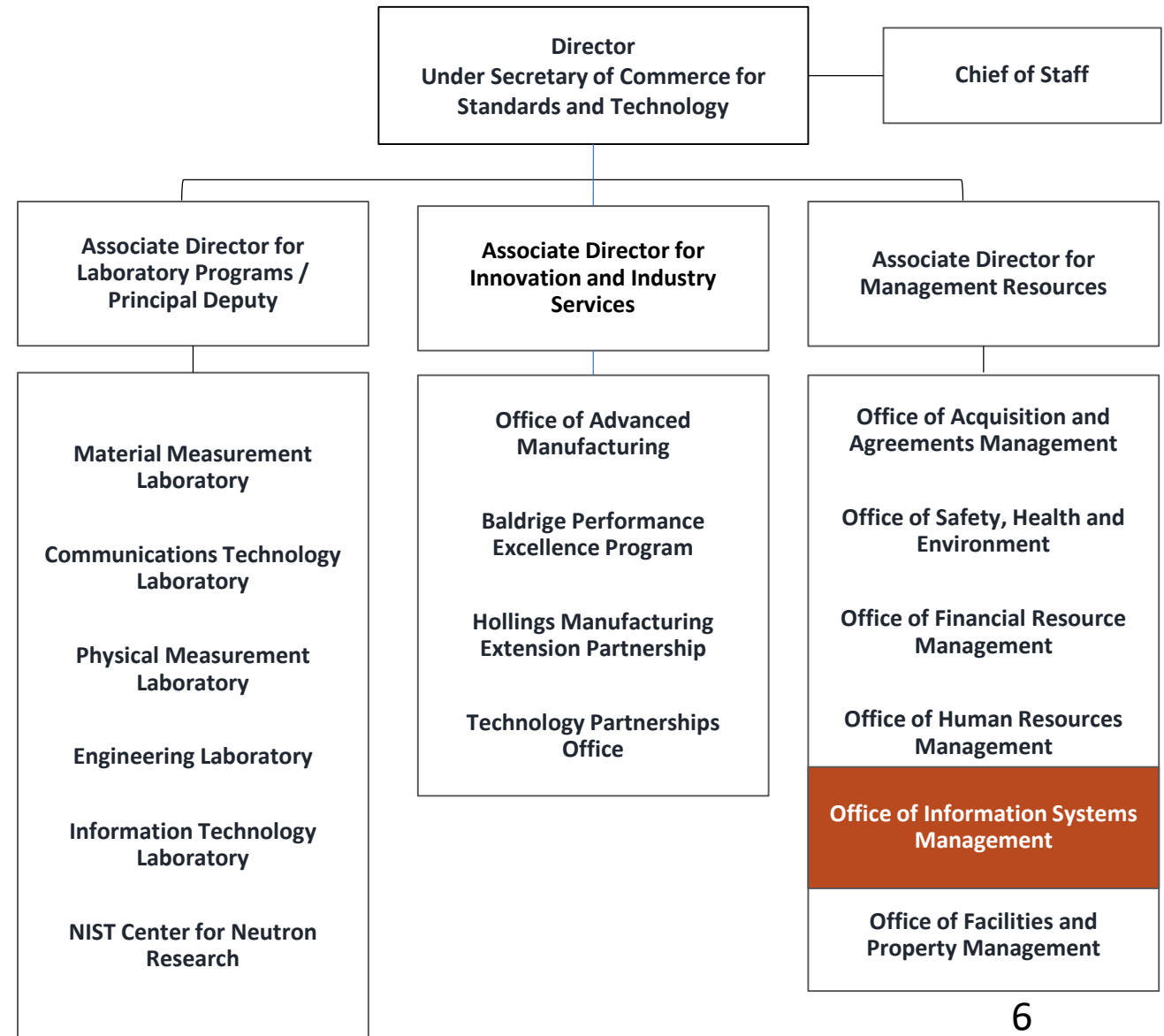
- Vannevar Bush served on the NBS VCAT from 1942 – 1946, during which period he also led writing *“Science – The Endless Frontier”*
- Bush emphasized basic research, its impacts and the importance of translation into innovation, leading to establishment of NSF and advancing U.S. science & technology policy and leadership

NIST Leadership Changes

New Chief Information Officer

Dr. Chandan Sastry

- From NIH where he was Director of Clinical Research Informatics.
- More than 25 years of experience, leading technology and strategic management projects to support research organizations.

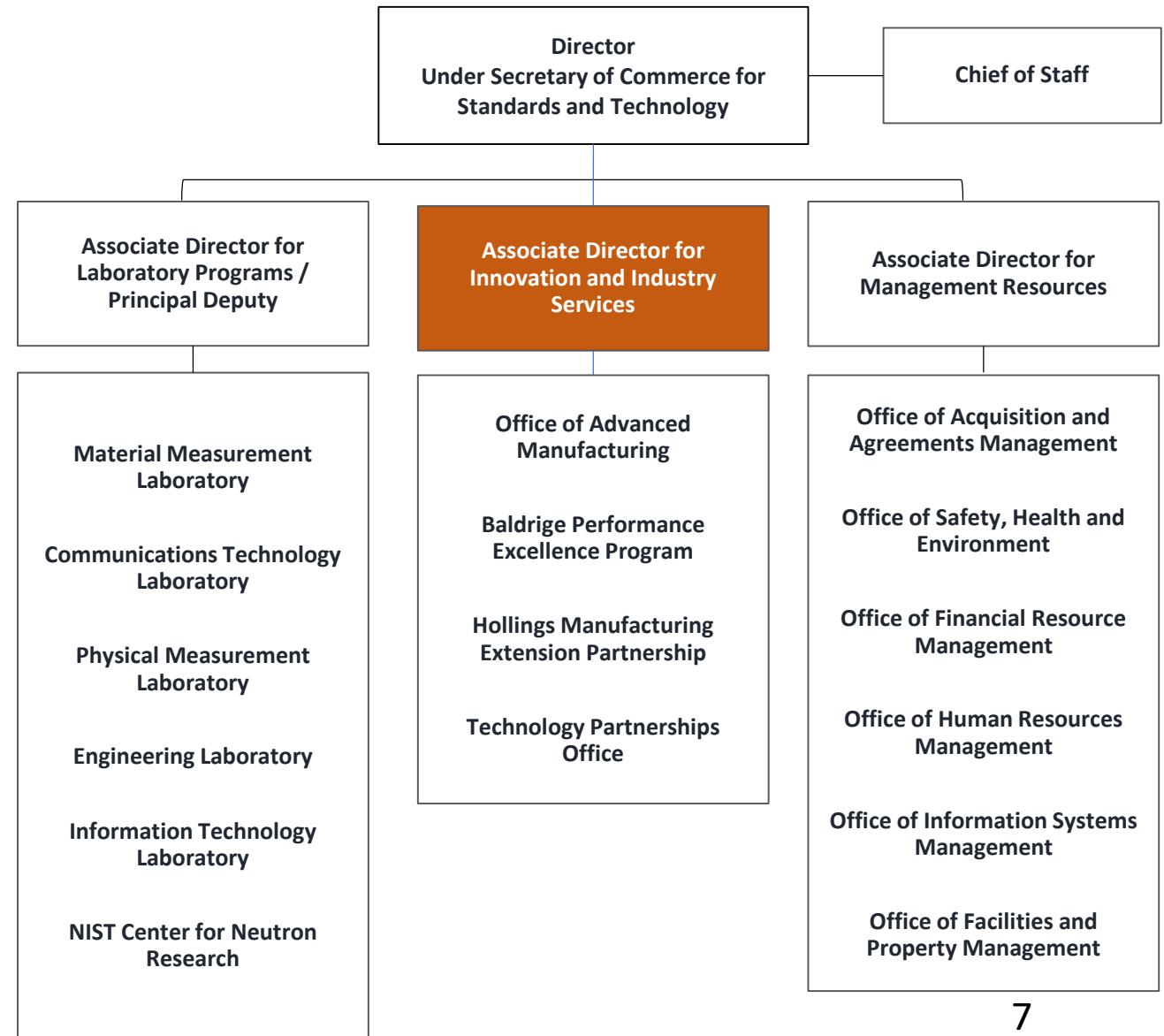


NIST Leadership Changes: Retirement

Associate Director for Innovation and Industry Services

Dr. Phillip A. Singerman

- Joined NIST January 2011 after extensive career in technology based economic development
- Respected leader for U.S. innovation, technology transfer and manufacturing competitiveness.
- Interviews for successor underway



NIST is operating under, planning for, and developing budgets for three fiscal years

FY20

Enacted

FY21

In Development

FY22

Early Stages

NIST BUDGET

	FY 2019 Enacted	FY 2020 Enacted	FY 2021 Pres. Request
Laboratory Programs (STRS)	\$724.5	\$754.0	\$652.0
Hollings Mfg Ext Partnership (MEP)	\$140.0	\$146.0	\$0.0
Manufacturing USA	\$15.0	\$16.0	\$25.3
Construction & Renovation	\$106.0	\$118.0	\$60.2
Total	\$985.5	\$1034.0	\$737.5

Physical Security Update



100% Badge scanning at all gates

Cyber Lock installation

NCNR-Secure Guarded Information (SGI) training provided to OSY

National Terrorism Advisory System response protocols developed for four sites



Using the Privacy Framework:

- Manage privacy risk among different organizational roles in the data processing ecosystem
- Establish or improve a privacy program using a Ready, Set, Go model; and,
- Strengthen organizational accountability through collaboration and communication.

Face Recognition Evaluation



Broad participation by industry.

Broad coverage by media including The Economist.

Report on demographics performance.

Hearings: House Committee on Oversight and Gov. Reform & Committee on Homeland Security.

Shape Shifting Sensors To Catch Early Signs of Cancer **NIST**



NIST-tested tiny geometrically encoded magnets (GEMs) can detect diseases deep within the body.



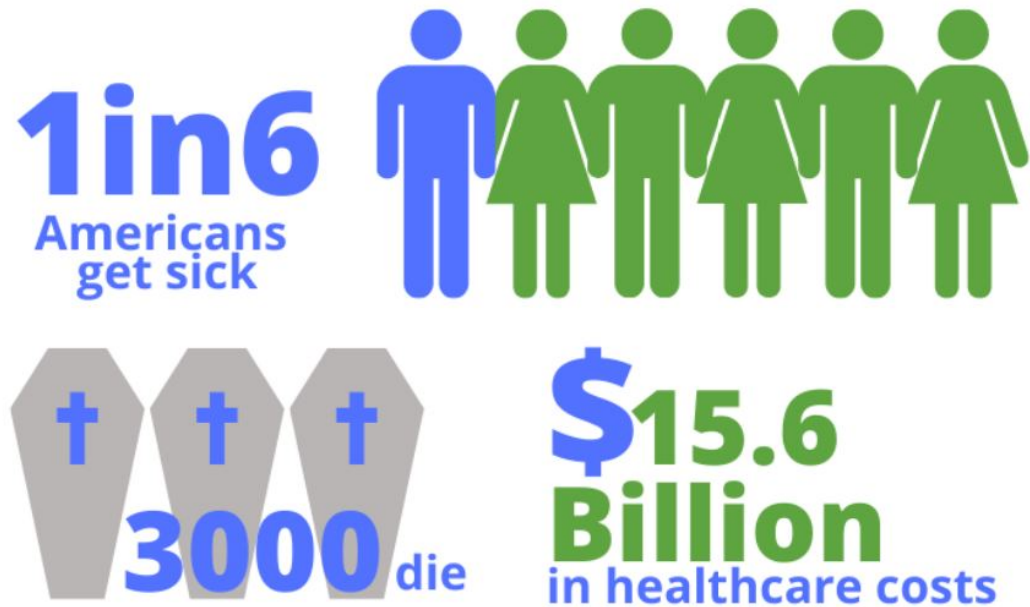
Just one-hundredth as wide as a human hair, the tiny GEMs change shape based on their environment.



GEMs can detect slight changes in pH which can be caused by cancer cells.

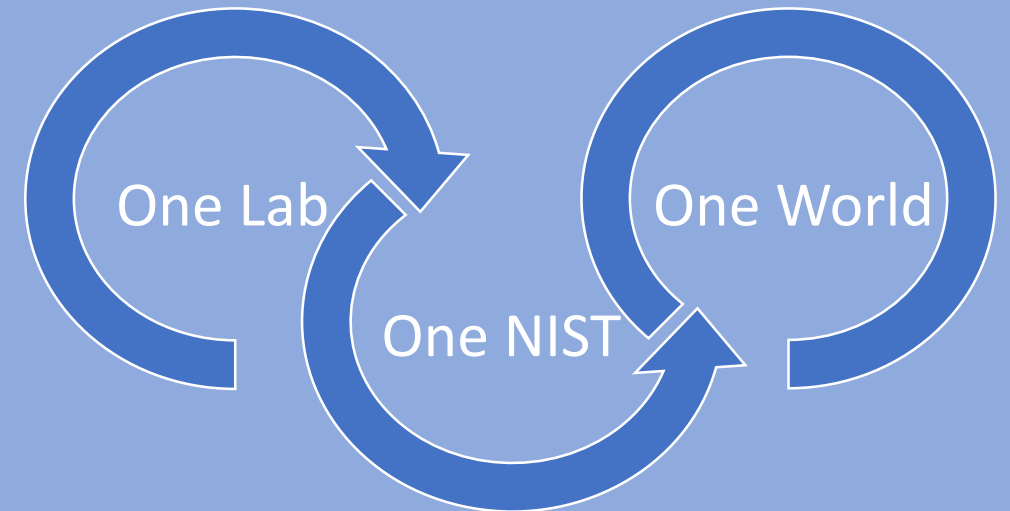
Food Safety Workshop

Each year pathogens cause



What is in your food?

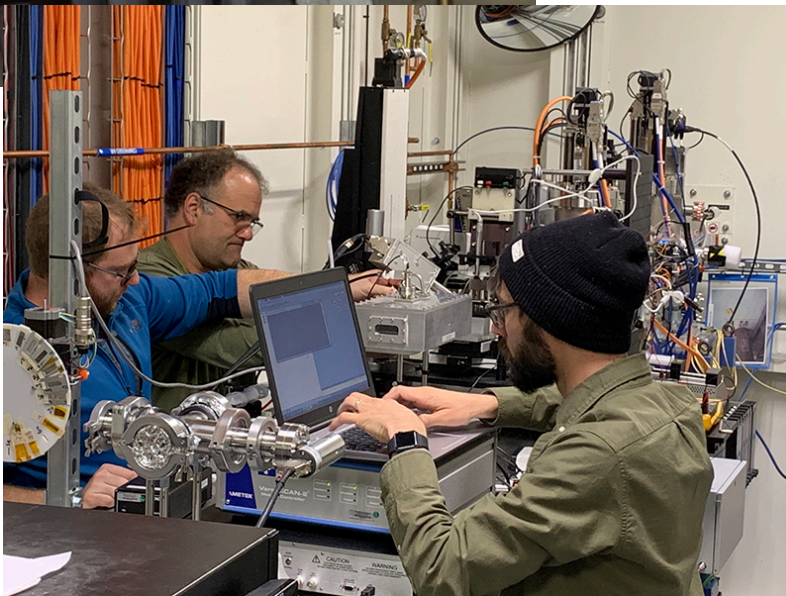
From Reference Materials to Workshop



To Comprehensive Food Safety Program

New X-ray Beamlines at Brookhaven

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NIST celebrated the opening of three new X-ray beamlines at the National Synchrotron Light Source II (NSLS-II) (Brookhaven National Laboratory)

The beamline suite can be used to measure the electronic, chemical and structural properties of almost any material, often at the nanoscale

NIST already has industry-focused partnerships to apply the new beamline capabilities

Programs underway between NIST, BNL, and industrial partners in catalysis and AI-driven autonomous experimentation

Research Data Framework Workshop

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MML's Office of Data and Informatics (ODI) co-led a Research Data study kickoff with CODATA



Brought together Government, universities, research libraries, academic publishers, private industry, standards bodies, and more



Community-wide assessment found a need to pursue a sustainable research data framework based on FAIR principles

NIST Fire Video in Forbes Top VR Videos of 2019



Videos on NIST website:

<https://www.nist.gov/el/fire-research-division-73300/national-fire-research-laboratory-73306/360-degree-video-fire>



A prescribed forest management fire in the New Jersey Conservation Foundation's Franklin Parker Preserve in the New Jersey Pine Barrens conducted on March 27, 2019 by the U.S. Forest Service and New Jersey Forest Fire Service.



This video shows a forest fire that spreads from treetop to treetop, called a crown fire.



The video was captured using a water-cooled glass enclosure developed at NIST to protect 360° cameras in fires.

NCNR Facility Enhancements



CANDoR In Commissioning

Number of Research Participants

2922

Reactor safety relay system replaced

- 47 reactor safety and control circuits
- 82 new reactor safety and control relays
- 3200 terminations
- 4000' (1.2 km) of new wire

Renewal of Community Resilience COE



Power network

Water network

Transportation



Credit: <http://resilience.colostate.edu/>



NIST awarded a renewal of a \$20 million cooperative agreement to Colorado State University (CSU) to continue the work of the Community Resilience Center of Excellence.



The center has 12 university partners and is led by CSU and East Carolina University



The center will:

- Continue developing computer and field study tools and best practices to lessen the impact of natural hazards on communities and to improve community planning and recovery.
- Engage communities during development to aid the transfer of these tools to the end users.

Forensics COE Renewal

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Awarded to a consortium led by Iowa State University in May 2015 to support NIST's efforts to advance the probabilistic methods to enhance forensic analysis

Request for Application (RFA) issued for Iowa State to propose renewal – awaiting application

ASHRAE and NIST Strengthen Partnership

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The American Society of Heating, Refrigeration, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE) and NIST signed an MOU formalizing the organizations' relationship.

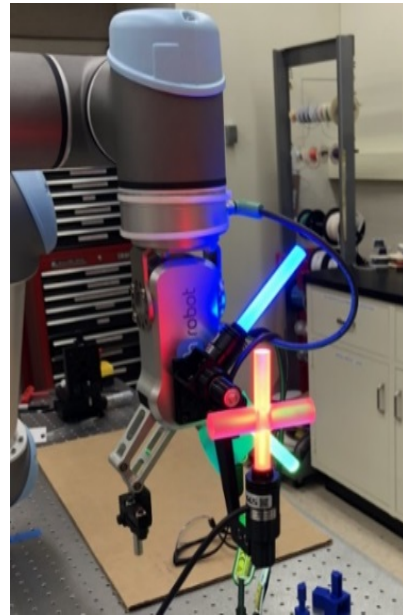
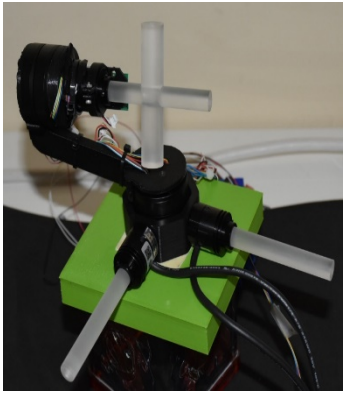


Will focus on improving building performance and cost effectiveness, improving interoperability of building systems, among other.



NIST has a long history of developing measurement science, predictive models, and performance metrics to improve the energy efficiency of building components and systems

Tech Transfer Through FedTech



FedTech grew out of the NSF I-Corps program to commercialize federally-funded R&D.



NIST has partnered with FedTech to commercialize a patent-pending mechanism to track the position and orientation of objects in the environment for robotics applications.

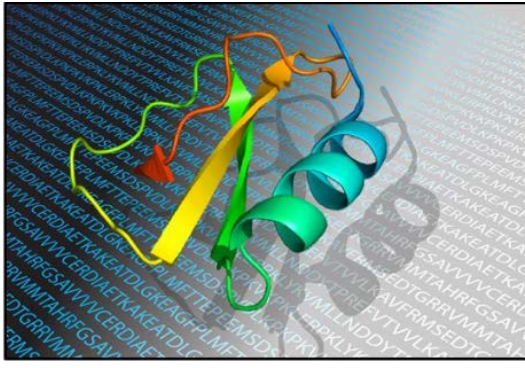
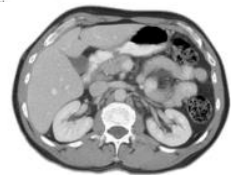
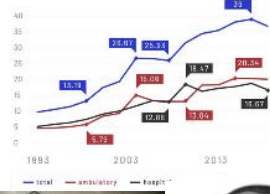


Nuance, Inc. has obtained a research license for NIST's technology and has built their company around using it to solve industries' perception challenges.

Technology Maturation Accelerator Pilot



MRI SCANNERS PER 1M AMERICANS

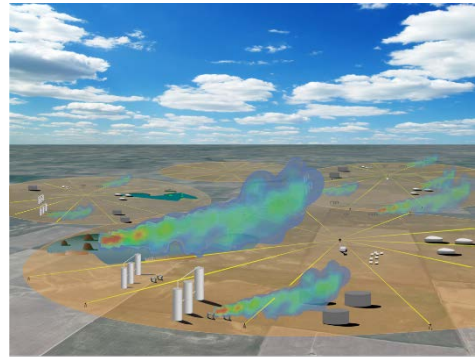
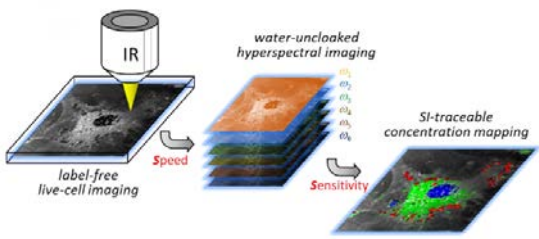


\$1,000,000 to accelerate the maturation of emerging technologies with significant commercial promise

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new funding program
for research with
commercial application



Focuses on currently existing laboratory technology or intellectual property where translational research is needed to prove feasibility and/or build a laboratory-scale working prototype.



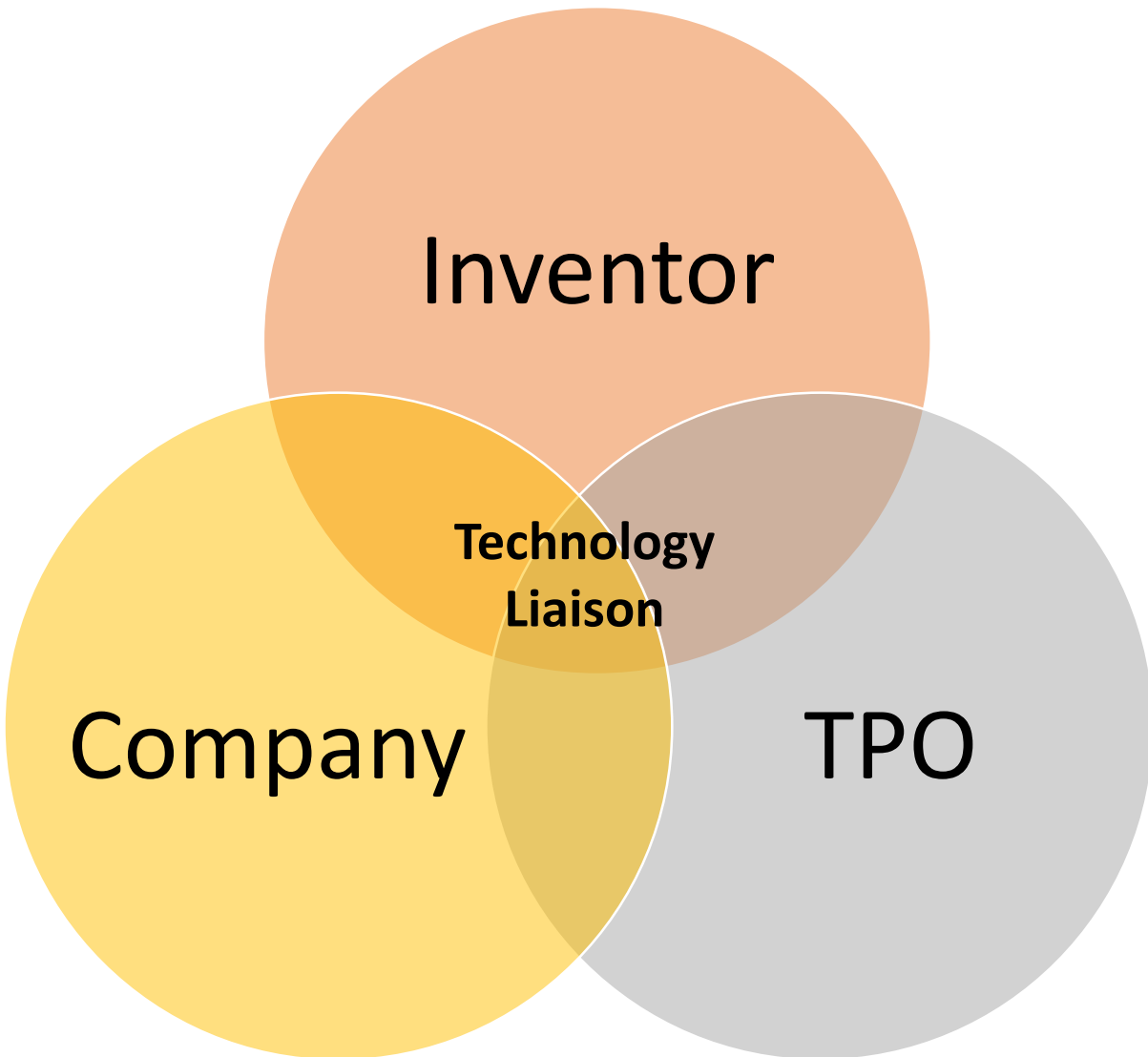
Merit review board narrowed the proposals down to ten, which the provided a six minute pitch to a team of venture capitalists

Assessment of NIST-on-a-Chip (NoaC) Pilot

A gap analysis and recommendations on the processes, resources, and structure needed at NIST to support a comprehensive technology transfer program that can be scaled beyond NOAC activities.



Main NoaC Study Recommendations



Establish role of a Technology Liaison



Culture change is required especially as related to expectations and processes



Leverage best practices to ensure NIST is world-class in tech transfer

Priority 1: Advance U.S. Technological Leadership in the Industries of the Future

NIST will continue to expand research efforts in these five areas and work to strengthen U.S. engagement in standardization efforts



Quantum Science

New quantum networking grand challenge will build on NIST world-leading science, while NIST expands industry partnerships in the Quantum Economic Development Consortium



Artificial Intelligence

Leading efforts to prioritize and address key AI standards needs while developing training and testing tools for research domains from materials science to robotics



Advanced Communications/5G

AI-enabled measurement systems to support wide deployment of 5G wireless technologies, Participating and leading in 5G standards development



Advanced Manufacturing

Providing technical support and key infrastructure to the nation's manufacturing industries as they strive to out-innovate global competitors



Engineering Biology

Living Systems Foundry for safe, predictable design and control of biological systems

Priority 2: Create the Infrastructure for a 21st Century Research Institution

NIST must make sure that it has the physical and IT infrastructure to carry out its programs and mission, including the Industries of the Future and beyond



65% of NIST facilities have not been renovated or newly constructed in last 20 years

Prioritizing awarding of construction and maintenance funding:

- Wing 5 in Boulder
- Radiation Physics Laboratory in Gaithersburg
- Utility infrastructure projects
- Predictive maintenance tools and software systems



Ribbon-cutting ceremony for NIST Radiation Physics Laboratory 9/23/19 27

Priority 3: Strengthen U.S. Economic Competitiveness

NIST will continue to advance and modernize technology transfer from federal laboratories



Major Activities

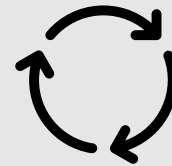
- Raise national awareness of tech transfer opportunities and successes with Manufacturing USA institutes and agency partners
- Launch a DOC/NIST competition for a new Manufacturing USA institute, target selection 12/20
- Rebuild iEdison reporting system for extramural inventions, RFI open now
- Continue to advance legislative updates to increase return on investment from federally-funded R&D
- Update metrics for Federal Technology Transfer Report to improve tracking and value capture
- Promote regional tech development and small business engagements



Goals for 2020: Realign and Optimize



Organizational
realignment to better
meet key objectives



Advance NIST-wide
strategic planning,
implementation, and
monitoring cycles



Process improvements:
our goal is none other
than to be the best in
government

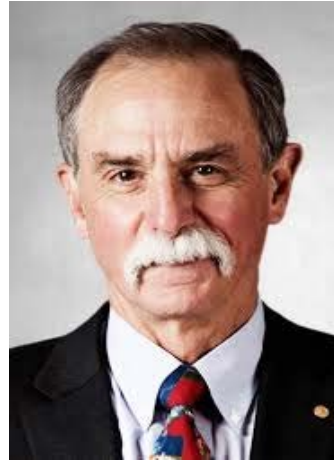


Unified messaging of
bold initiatives and
strategic external
relationships

Recent Awards



Fellow of the Association
For Computing Machinery



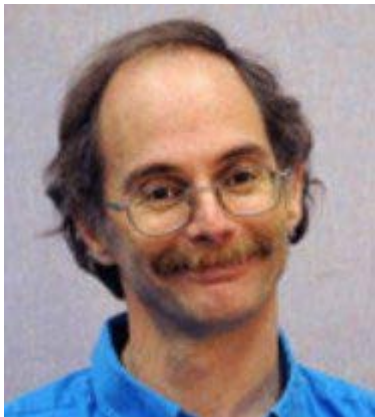
Innovation Research
Interchange (IRI) Medal



R&D 100 Award



Ron Brown Excellence in
Innovation Award



Optical Society Fellow



2019 Presidential Rank Awards



Maryland Academy of Sciences
Outstanding Young Scientist Award



2020 Fed 100 Award

- Realign NIST to address U.S. 21st Century challenges in hypercompetitive global economy
- NIST will visibly fulfill the Agency's national responsibilities
 - U.S. global leadership for Metrology, Standards & Technology
 - Advance the Industries of the Future
 - Technology transfer policy modernization & implementation NIST, government-wide
- Associate Director for Laboratory Programs (ADLP) to elevate standards policy, NIST international leadership roles, advance interdisciplinary research & development, with enduring focus on innovation.
- Associate Director for Innovation & Industry Services focus on technology transfer, advanced manufacturing and NIST-wide synergy with U.S. industry
- Changes reflect NIST priorities to foster development of human capital, cultivate our talent pipeline for diversity and a culture of inclusivity, integrate ongoing strategic planning NIST-wide, and maximize synergies for organizational effectiveness

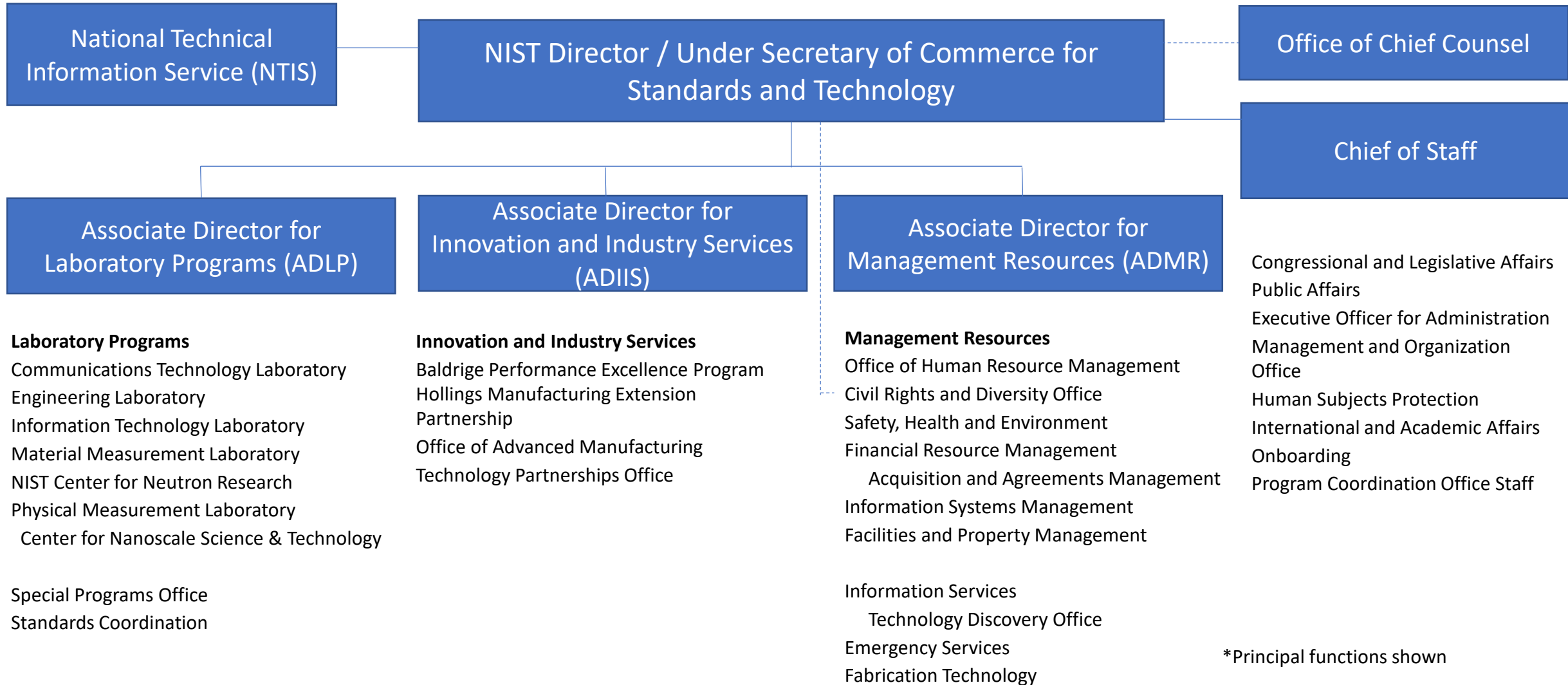
New:

- Senior Advisor Technology Innovation: NIST internal & national technology transfer
- Chief Human Capital Officer: Integrated support for NIST Federal Employees & Associates
- Strategy Planning and Policy: Incorporating Program Coordination Office

Realigned:

- Onboarding Office – To Human Capital, leveraging training, leadership development
- Technology Discovery Office – To Technology Partnerships for technology outreach, analysis
- International and Academic Affairs – To Lab Programs, advancing strategic relationships
- Human Subjects Protection Office – To Lab Programs, strengthening Research Services
- Associates Support - Integrated NIST-wide with Human Capital for strategic workforce management

NIST Organization* 2019



NIST Organization* 2020



*Principal functions chart.
Green font – Complete
Red font – In progress

NIST Profile - National and International



Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
COMMITTEE ON SCIENCE, SPACE, AND TECHNOLOGY

United States Senate
COMMITTEE ON COMMERCE, SCIENCE,
AND TRANSPORTATION



NSF 70th Panel – Partnerships for the Industries of the Future



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DISCUSSION

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