

ENERGY SCIENCES COALITION

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The Honorable Pete V. Domenici
Chairman
Senate Appropriations Subcommittee on Energy and Water Development
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Chairman Domenici:

The Energy Sciences Coalition (ESC) expresses its great appreciation for the leadership you have shown as Chairman of the Energy and Water Development Appropriations Subcommittee. We applaud your vision of how the programs of the Department of Energy's Office of Science will lead to research discoveries and technological developments benefiting this and future generations.

The Energy Sciences Coalition is a broadly based organization representing scientists, engineers and mathematicians in universities, industry, professional societies and national laboratories. We share your belief that the research supported by the Office of Science has and will make significant contributions to our nation's security and standard of living.

ESC strongly and enthusiastically supports the President's FY 2007 budget request of \$4.1 billion for the Department of Energy's Office of Science. This historic level of funding outlined in the President's American Competitiveness Initiative will allow the DOE to move forward with the tremendous scientific opportunities outlined in the Office of Science Strategic Plan and in its 20 Year Scientific Facilities Plan. It is also consistent with your PACE legislation and with the recommendations made by the National Academies' in its report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm."

ESC believes that this landmark request is solid and necessary to keep United States science and engineering at the forefront of global research and development in the physical and biological sciences, computing and many other critical scientific fields. It is an investment in our future.

Our nation benefits not only from the discoveries that will be made with this support, but also from the training of America's next generation of researchers. Such training will be instrumental in maintaining our nation's technological superiority in the international marketplace. The Office of Science also plays an extremely important and unique role in the design, construction, and operation of large-scale user facilities used by researchers supported by the Department of Energy, the National Institutes of Health and the National Science Foundation, as well as private industry researchers.

In closing, I again express the Coalition's gratitude for the leadership that you and your colleagues have demonstrated in supporting the important work of the Office of Science. Please do not hesitate to contact me if the Coalition can be of any assistance.

Sincerely,

Kathryn E. Bannan
Chairman
Energy Sciences Coalition

cc: The Honorable Harry Reid
Ranking Member

Attachments: FY 2007 Energy Sciences Coalition funding statement
Statement endorsees

**ENERGY SCIENCES COALITION
FY 2007 Funding Statement**

Support the President's request for \$4.1 billion for the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science

The Energy Sciences Coalition (ESC) strongly and enthusiastically supports the President's FY 2007 budget request of \$4.1 billion for the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science, a 14.1% increase above the FY 2006 funding level. This historic level of funding outlined in the President American Competitiveness Act will allow the DOE to move forward with the tremendous scientific opportunities outlined in the Office of Science Strategic Plan and in its 20 Year Scientific Facilities Plan. It is also consistent with bipartisan legislation introduced in Senate (the Protecting America's Competitive Edge" Act, or PACE legislation) and by recommendations made by the National Academies' in its report, "Rising Above the Gathering Storm".

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The mission of the Office of Science is to deliver the discoveries and scientific tools that transform our understanding of energy and matter and advance the national, economic and energy security of the United States. The DOE Office of Science is one of the primary sponsors of basic research in the US, leading the nation in its support for the physical sciences and critical to other fields such as computing and biology. Strong support for DOE scientific research is essential to advancing a broad array of research subjects in order to improve our energy, economic and national security and in addressing the ancillary issues such as super computing, nanotechnology, environmental remediation, climate change, genomics and life sciences.

FY 2007 ESC Funding Statement endorsements

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