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Office of Science

Science to Meet the Nation's Challenges Today and into the 21st Century



- Supporting research that led to over 100 Nobel Prizes during the past 6 decades—22 in the past decade alone
- Providing 45% of Federal support of basic research in the physical sciences and key components of the Nation's basic research in biology and computing
- Supporting over 27,000 Ph.D.s, graduate students, undergraduates, engineers, and support staff at more than 300 institutions

21st Century Tools of Science

 Providing the world's largest collection of scientific user facilities to over 26,000 users each year

Our Generation's Sputnik Moment



Remarks of President Barack Obama State of the Union Address to the Joint Session of Congress Tuesday, January 25, 2011

"This is our generation's Sputnik moment. Two years ago, I said that we needed to reach a level of research and development we haven't seen since the height of the Space Race.

...[this] budget to Congress helps us meet that goal. We'll invest in biomedical research, information technology, and especially clean energy technology—an investment that will strengthen our security, protect our planet, and create countless new jobs for our people."



- The Office of Science commands an arsenal of basic science capabilities—major scientific user facilities, national laboratories, and researchers—that we are using to break down the barriers to new energy technologies.
- We have focused these capabilities on critical national needs, e.g., through the Bioenergy Research Centers, the Energy Frontier Research Centers, and the new Energy Innovation Hub—the Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis.



Applications of 21st century science to long-standing barriers in energy technologies: employing nanotechnology, biotechnology, and modeling and simulation

Examples:

- Materials by design using nanoscale structures and syntheses for: carbon capture; radiation-resistant and self-healing materials for the nuclear reactor industry; highly efficient photovoltaics; and white-light emitting LEDs.
- Biosystems by design combining the development of new molecular toolkits with testbeds for the design and construction of improved biological components or new biohybrid systems and processes for improved biofuels and bioproducts.
- Modeling and simulation to facilitate materials and chemistry by design and to address technology challenges such as the optimization of internal combustion engines using advanced transportation fuels (biofuels).



Stress Corrosion Cracking Molecular Dynamics Simulation Reveals Mechanisms of Nickel Fracture





Fracture simulations for nanocrystalline nickel without and with amorphous sulfide grainboundary phases, showing ductile, transgranular tearing and brittle, intergranular cleavage.

- The performance and lifetime of materials used in nuclear technology and in advanced power generation are severely limited by corrosive environments and extreme conditions.
- Premature failure of materials can result from undetected stress corrosion cracking.
- Annually, corrosion costs about 3% of the U.S. gross domestic product.
- 48-million-atom simulation on Argonne Leadership Computing Facility showed a link between sulfur impurities segregated at grain boundaries of nickel and embrittlement. An order-of-magnitude reduction in grain-boundary shear strength, combined with tensilestrength reduction, allows the crack tip to always find an easy propagation path in this configuration. This mechanism explains an experimentally observed crossover from microscopic fracture to macroscopic cracks due to sulfur impurities.





Systems Biology for Bioenergy Production

- Systems biology techniques were used to dissect how the common microbe *Cyanothece* balances photosynthesis with carbon, nitrogen, and hydrogen metabolism.
- Although oxygen is toxic to the enzymes involved in ammonia and hydrogen production, *Cyanothece* is unique in generating both in the presence of air and while producing O₂ as a byproduct of photosynthesis.
- These results suggest metabolic engineering this microbe for enhanced production of hydrogen, biodiesel, or other biofuels using only water and sunlight and without the need for added fertilizers.





Bandyopadhyay, A., J. Stockel, H. Min, L. Sherman, & H. Pakrasi. 2010. "High Rates of Photobiological Hydrogen Production Under Aerobic Conditions "Nature Communications DOI:10.1038/ncomms1139

Modeling and Simulation at the Petascale



In FY 2012, the Argonne LCF will be upgraded with a 10 petaflop IBM Blue Gene/Q. The Oak Ridge LCF will continue site preparations for a system expected in FY 2013 that will be 5-10 times more capable than the Cray XT-5.

- The Cray XT5 ("Jaguar") at ORNL and the IBM Blue Gene/P ("Intrepid") at ANL will provide ~2.3 billion processor hours in FY12 to address science and engineering problems that defy traditional methods of theory and experiment and that require the most advanced computational power.
- Peer reviewed projects are chosen to advance science, speed innovation, and strengthen industrial competitiveness.
- Demand for these machines has grown each year, requiring upgrades of both.
- Among the topics in FY2011:
 - Advancing materials for lithium air batteries, solar cells, and superconductors
 - Exploring carbon sequestration
 - Improving combustion in fuel-efficient, near-zero-emissions systems
 - Understanding how turbulence affects the efficiency of aircraft and other transportation systems
 - Designing next-generation nuclear reactors and fuels and extending the life of aging reactors
 - Developing fusion energy systems
 - Understanding the roles of ocean, atmosphere, land, and ice in climate change





Office of Science FY 2012 Budget Request to Congress

(dollars in thousands)

	FY 2010 Current Approp.	FY 2011 President's Request	FY 2011 Full Year CR	FY 2012 President's Request	FY 2012 vs. FY 2010	
Advanced Scientific Computing Research	383,199	426,000	394,000	465,600	+82,401	+21.5%
Basic Energy Sciences	1,598,968	1,835,000	1,636,500	1,985,000	+386,032	+24.1%
Biological and Environmental Research	588,031	626,900	604,182	717,900	+129,869	+22.1%
Fusion Energy Sciences	417,650	380,000	426,000	399,700	-17,950	-4.3%
High Energy Physics	790,811	829,000	810,483	797,200	+6,389	+0.8%
Nuclear Physics	522,460	562,000	535,000	605,300	+82,840	+15.9%
Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists	20,678	35,600	20,678	35,600	+14,922	+72.2%
Science Laboratories Infrastructure	127,600	126,000	127,600	111,800	-15,800	-12.4%
Safeguards and Security	83,000	86,500	83,000	83,900	+900	+1.1%
Science Program Direction	189,377	214,437	189,377	216,863	+27,486	+14.5%
Subtotal, Office of Science	4,721,774	5,121,437	4,826,820	5,418,86 3	+697,089	+14.8%
Small Business Innovation Research/ Technology Transfer						
(SBIR/STTR) (SC portion)	107,352				-107,352	-100.0%
Congressionally-directed projects	74,737				-74,737	-100.0%
Undistributed			76,890			
Use of prior year balances	-153			-2,749	-2,596	-1,696.7%
Subtotal, Office of Science	4,903,710	5,121,437	4,903,710	5,416,114	+512,404	+10.4%
SBIR/STTR (transfer from other DOE programs)	60,177				-60,177	-100.0%
Total, Office of Science	4,963,887	5,121,437	4,903,710	5,416,114	+452,227	+9.1%

Continuing Resolution (CR) column reflects the current CR (P.L. 111-322), annualized to a full year. Funding amounts reflect the FY 2010 appropriation level prior to the SBIR/STTR transfer. Funding on the undistributed line reflects FY 2010 Congressionally directed project funding prior to the SBIR/STTR transfer.



Fuels from Sunlight Energy Innovation Hub: Joint Center for Artificial Photosynthesis (JCAP)

- The design of highly efficient, non-biological, molecular-level "machines" that generate fuels directly from sunlight, water, and carbon dioxide is the challenge.
- Basic research has provided an understanding of the complex photochemistry of the natural photosynthetic system and the use of inorganic photo-catalytic methods to split water or reduce carbon dioxide – key steps in photosynthesis.
- JCAP Mission: To demonstrate a scalable, manufacturable solar-fuels generator using Earth-abundant elements, that, with no wires, robustly produces fuel from the sun 10 times more efficiently than (current) crops.
- JCAP R&D focuses on:
 - Accelerating the rate of catalyst discovery for solar fuel reactions
 - Discovering earth-abundant, robust, inorganic light absorbers with optimal band gap
 - Providing system integration and scale-up
- Begun in FY 2010, JCAP serves as an integrative focal point for the solar fuels R&D community – formal collaborations have been established with 20 Energy Frontier Research Centers.



Batteries and Energy Storage Energy Innovation Hub Transform the Grid and Electrify Transportation

- Improved energy storage is critical for the widespread use of intermittent renewable energy, electric vehicles, and efficient and reliable smart electric grid technologies.
- The Hub, proposed for FY 2012, will develop electrochemical energy storage systems that safely approach theoretical energy and power densities with very high cycle life.
- These are systemic challenges requiring new materials, systems, and knowledge.
- The Hub will address key fundamental questions in energy storage including:
 - Can we approach theoretical energy density?
 - Can we safely increase the rate of energy utilization?
 - Can we create a reversible system with minimal energy loss?
- The Hub will link fundamental science, technology, and end-users, and it will collaborate with relevant Energy Frontier Research Centers, ARPA-E and EERE



Advanced Scientific Computing Research

Delivering world leading computational and networking capabilities to extend the frontiers of science and technology

The Scientific Challenges:

- Deliver next-generation scientific applications using today's petascale computers.
- Discover, develop and deploy tomorrow's exascale computing and networking capabilities.
- Develop, in partnership with U.S. industry, next generation computing hardware and tools for science.
- Discover new applied mathematics and computer science for the ultra-low power, multicore-computing future.
- Provide technological innovations for U.S. leadership in Information Technology to advance competitiveness.

FY 2012 Highlights:

- Research in uncertainty quantification for drawing predictive results from simulation
- Co-design centers to deliver next generation scientific applications by coupling application development with formulation of computer hardware architectures and system software.
- Investments in U.S. industry to address critical challenges in hardware and technologies on the path to exascale
- Installation of a 10 petaflop low-power IBM Blue Gene/Q at the Argonne Leadership Computing Facility and a hybrid, multi-core prototype computer at the Oak Ridge Leadership Computing Facility.



Investments for Exascale Computing Opportunities to Accelerate the Frontiers of Science through HPC

Why Exascale?

- SCIENCE: Computation and simulation advance knowledge in science, energy, and national security; numerous S&T communities and Federal Advisory groups have demonstrated the need for computing power 1,000 times greater than we have today.
- U.S. LEADERSHIP: The U.S. has been a leader in high performance computing for decades. U.S. researchers benefit from open access to advanced computing facilities, software, and programming tools.
- BROAD IMPACT: Achieving the power efficiency, reliability, and programmability goals for exascale will have dramatic impacts on computing at all scales—from PCs to midrange computing and beyond.

DOE Activities will:

- Leverage new chip technologies from the private sector to bring exascale capabilities within reach in terms of cost, feasibility, and energy utilization by the end of the decade;
- Support research efforts in applied mathematics and computer science to develop libraries, tools, and software for these new technologies;
- Create close partnerships with computational and computer scientists, applied mathematicians, and vendors to develop exascale platforms and codes cooperatively.





High Performance Computing: SmartTruck/DOE Partnership Aerodynamic forces account for ~53% of long haul truck fuel use.

- Class 8 semi trucks (300,000 sold annually) have average fuel efficiency of 6.7 MPG
- Used ORNL's Jaguar Cray XT-5 2.3 petaflop computer for complex fluid dynamics analysis – cutting in half the time needed to go from concept to production design
- Outcome: SmartTruck UnderTray add-on accessories predict reduction of drag of 12% and yield EPA-certified 6.9% increase in fuel efficiency.
- If the 1.3 million Class 8 trucks in the U.S. had these components, we would save 1.5 billion gallons of diesel fuel annually (~\$4.4B in costs and 16.4M tons of CO₂)
- Awarded as one of the "Top 20 products of 2010" from *Heavy Duty Trucking* magazine





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Basic Energy Sciences

Understanding, predicting, and ultimately controlling matter and energy flow at the electronic, atomic, and molecular levels

The Scientific Challenges:

- Synthesize, atom by atom, new forms of matter with tailored properties, including nano-scale objects with capabilities rivaling those of living things
- Direct and control matter and energy flow in materials and chemical assemblies over multiple length and time scales
- Explore materials functionalities and their connections to atomic, molecular, and electronic structures
- Explore basic research to achieve transformational discoveries for energy technologies

FY 2012 Highlights:

- Science for clean energy
 - Batteries and Energy Storage Hub
 - Interface sciences for high efficiency PV & nextgeneration nuclear systems; molecular design for carbon capture and sequestration; enabling materials sciences for transmission and energy efficiency; predictive simulation for combustion
- Computational Materials and Chemistry by Design and Nanoelectronics research with inter-agency coordination.
- Enhancements at user facilities:
 - LCLS expansion (LCLS-II); NSLS-II EXperimental Tools (NEXT); APS Upgrade (APS-U); TEAM II (aberration-corrected microscope); upgraded beamlines and instruments at the major facilities









Femtosecond X-ray Protein Nanocrystallography



Nanocrystals flow in their buffer solution in a gas-focused, $4-\mu$ m-diameter jet at a velocity of 10m/sec perpendicular to the pulsed X-ray FEL beam that is focused on the jet.

Chapman, H. N., et al. **Nature**, Feb 3rd, 2011.



Femtosecond X-ray Protein Nanocrystallography



Reconstructed 3-D Structure



Combined 3D diffraction pattern

- Photosystem I plays key role in photosynthesis.
- Difficult to crystallize and use standard x-ray crystallography to obtain structure.
- Single shot images from LCLS of nanocrystals used to build up full 3-D diffraction pattern.
- Low resolution (~9 Å) shows structural details (*e.g.*, helix density).

Chapman, H. N., et al. Nature, Feb 3rd, 2011.



High-Energy Lithium Batteries:

From Fundamental Research to Cars on the Road



Advancing Energy Technologies through Energy Frontier Research Centers

- World's smallest battery placed inside an electron microscope yields images of electrochemistry at atomic scales
- New insight into electrochemical processes at the nanoscale:
 - Nanowires can sustain large stresses (>10 GPa) caused by Li⁺ transport without breaking—good candidate for battery
 - Elongation and twisting of nanowires during charging may lead to a short circuit and failure of the battery, a key factor to consider during design

Research at SNL supported by the *Center for Science of Precision Multifunctional Nanostructures for Electrical Energy Storage* (an EFRC led by University of Maryland) and in collaboration with PNNL and university contributors







Jian Yu Huang, et al., Science 330, 1515 (2010)





EFRC Research Predicts Radiation Damage Resistant Materials

- Simulations reveal why nanostructured materials with a large number of grain boundaries exhibit increased tolerance to radiation damage
- New interstitial emission and vacancy recombination mechanism critical to self-healing of radiation damaged material
 - At very short times, interstitial atoms are concentrated on the grain boundary, but at longer times they re-emit and annihilate trapped vacancies many atomic distances away
 - Grain boundaries loaded with interstitials reduce the barrier for vacancy diffusion and promote defect recombination
 - Designed nanostructured grain boundaries could slow down the accumulation of radiation damage

Research supported by the *Center for Materials at Irradiation and Mechanical Extremes* (an EFRC led by Los Alamos National Laboratory)







²⁰ x (Å) ²⁰ 40
Radiation
damage
grain boundary

Vacancies trapped in bulk material







Interstitials emit from grain boundary

Interstitials n and vacancies recombine

Diffusion of remaining vacancies very slow

Xian-Ming Bai et al. Science, 327, 1631 (2010)







Biological and Environmental Research

Understanding complex biological, climatic, and environmental systems across vast spatial and temporal scales

The Scientific Challenges:

- Understand how genomic information is translated with confidence to redesign microbes, plants or ecosystems for improved carbon storage, contaminant remediation, and sustainable biofuel production
- Understand the roles of Earth's biogeochemical systems (atmosphere, land, oceans, sea ice, subsurface) in determining climate so we can predict climate decades or centuries into the future, information needed to plan for future energy and resource needs.

FY 2012 Highlights:

- Clean energy biodesign on plant and microbial systems through development of new molecular toolkits for systems and synthetic biology research.
- Research and new capabilities to develop a comprehensive Arctic environmental system model needed to predict the impacts of rapid climate change.
- Continue support for the three DOE Bioenergy Research Centers, and operations of the Joint Genome Institute, the Environmental Molecular Sciences Laboratory, and the Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Climate Research Facility.









Advancing Energy Technologies through Bioenergy Research Centers

In the first three years of operations, the BRCs together had 66 inventions in various stages of the patent process, from disclosure to formal patent application, and over 400 peer-reviewed publications.



- Developed modified switchgrass that enable a 30% improvement in the yield of ethanol
- Used synthetic biology toolkit to construct the first microbes to produce an advanced biofuel (biodiesel) directly from biomass.
- Characterized impacts of biomass crop agriculture on marginal lands, studying shifts in microbial community and potential for changes in greenhouse gas emissions.













Tackling Major Climate Uncertainties: The Atmospheric Radiation Measurement Climate Research Facility (ACRF)

- The ACRF provides the world's most comprehensive 24/7 observational capabilities for obtaining atmospheric data for climate change research.
- ARM data have transformed our understanding of aerosol-cloud interactions and built the most advanced parameterizations of atmospheric radiative transfer.
- The ARM Facility operates highly instrumented ground stations worldwide to study cloud formation and aerosol processes and their influence on radiative transfer.
- In FY 2012, ARM will deploy its new suite of measurement capabilities to regions of high scientific interest, e.g., the Azores (marine clouds) and Alaska (Arctic clouds and aerosols over land, sea, and ice).





Fusion Energy Sciences

Understanding matter at very high temperatures and densities and building the scientific foundations for a fusion energy source

The Scientific Challenges:

- Control a burning plasma state to form the basis for fusion energy
- Develop materials that can withstand the harsh heat and neutron irradiation in fusion facilities
- Manipulate and control intense transient flows of energy and particles
- Control the interaction of matter under extreme conditions for enabling practical inertial fusion energy

FY 2012 Highlights:

- ITER construction is supported
- DIII-D, Alcator C-Mod, and NSTX operate and investigate predictive science for ITER
- HEDLP investments continue in basic research on fast ignition, laser-plasma interaction, magnetized high energy density plasmas, and warm dense matter
- International activities are increased
- SciDAC expands to include fusion materials
- The Fusion Simulation Program pauses to assess now-completed planning activities









Progress on the ITER Project

- ITER's goal: first demonstration of high-gain fusion energy production—fusion power 10 times greater than that used to heat the plasma.
 - The U.S. is a member to the ITER partnership, formed by seven governments representing more than half the world's population. It is a 10-year construction activity in France.
- This past year, the U.S. led initiatives to put in place a world-leading management team for the construction phase of ITER and to establish the cost and schedule baselines.



Site construction is underway in Cadarache, France



The ITER Device

Stabilization of High-Temperature Plasmas

DIII-D

- U.S. researchers at the DIII-D tokamak invented a new method for mitigating potentially damaging transient heat fluxes (Edge Localized Modes) by precision manipulation of the magnetic field.
- This can have an enormous positive impact for ITER if the results can be verified.
- Researchers at the Max Planck Institute (Garching, Germany) recently made major modifications to the ASDEX-U tokamak and reproduced these results.

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Nuclear Physics

Discovering, exploring, and understanding all forms of nuclear matter

The Scientific Challenges:

Understand:

- The existence and properties of nuclear matter under extreme conditions, including that which existed at the beginning of the universe
- The exotic and excited bound states of quarks and gluons, including new tests of the Standard Model
- The ultimate limits of existence of bound systems of protons and neutrons
- Nuclear processes that power stars and supernovae, and synthesize the elements
- The nature and fundamental properties of neutrinos and neutrons and their role in the matter-antimatter asymmetry of the universe

FY 2012 Highlights:

- 12 GeV CEBAF Upgrade to study exotic and excited bound systems of quarks and gluons and for illuminating the force that binds them into protons and neutrons.
- Design of the Facility for Rare Isotope Beams to study the limits of nuclear existence.
- Operation of three nuclear science user facilities (RHIC, CEBAF, ATLAS); closure of the Holifield Radioactive Ion Beam Facility at ORNL.
- Research, development, and production of stable and radioactive isotopes for science, medicine, industry, and national security.









Discovery of Element 117

A new super heavy element (SHE) with atomic number 117 was discovered by a Russian-U.S. team with the bombardment of a Berkelium target by 48-Ca. The existence and properties of SHEs address fundamental questions in physics and chemistry:

- How big can a nucleus be?
- Is there a "island of stability" of yet undiscovered long-lived heavy nuclei?
- Does relativity cause the periodic table to break down for the heaviest elements?



Rare short-lived 248-Bk was produced at HFIR and processed in Isotope Program hot cell facilities at ORNL to purify the 22 mg of target material used for the discovery of element 117.





- Experiment conducted at the Dubna Cyclotron (Russia) with an intense 48-Ca beam
- Berkelium target material produced and processed by the Isotopes Program at ORNL
- Detector and electronics provided by U.S. collaborators were used with the Dubna Gas-Filled Recoil Separator

Production Sites of the Isotope Program



High Energy Physics

Understanding how the universe works at its most fundamental level

The Scientific Challenges:

- Determine the origins of mass in terms of the fundamental particles and their properties
- Exploit the unique properties of neutrinos to discover new ways to explain the diversity of particles
- Discover new principles of nature, such as new symmetries, new physical laws, or unseen extra dimensions of space-time
- Explore the "dark" sector that is 95% of the Universe (Dark Matter and Dark Energy)
- Invent better and cheaper accelerator and detector technologies to extend the frontiers of science and benefit society

FY 2012 Highlights:

- Support for U.S. researchers at the LHC
- Research, design, and construction for NOvA, LBNE, and Mu2e experiments as part of a program of high energy physics at the intensity frontier
- Research in accelerator technologies including superconducting radio frequency and plasma wakefield acceleration.
- U.S. participation in international collaborations pursuing dark matter, dark energy and neutrino physics; the Reactor Neutrino Experiment in China and the Dark Energy Survey in Chile begin operations in FY 2012









Fermi Gamma-Ray Space Telescope (FGST) Many Unexpected Findings about the Gamma-ray Sky

March 2010: Results show that less than 1/3 of gamma-ray emission arises from black-hole-powered jets in active galaxies. Particle acceleration occurring in normal star-forming galaxies or gamma-ray production from dark matter particle interactions may be the cause.



August 2010: The Fermi LAT detected gamma-rays from a nova for the first time overturning the long-held assumption that novae explosions lack the power to emit such high-energy radiation.



October 2009: 1 year map of the gamma-ray sky, showing the rate at which the LAT detects gamma-rays above 300 MeV. Brighter colors represent higher rates. Blue denotes the extragalactic gamma-ray background.

The 2011 Bruno Rossi Prize in Astrophysics is being awarded to Bill Atwood (SLAC) and Peter Michelson (Stanford) and the FGST/LAT team for enabling, through the development of the LAT, new insights into variety of high energy cosmic phenomena.



DOE partnered with NASA on the fabrication of the Large Area Telescope (LAT), with contributions from France, Japan, Italy and Sweden. The LAT is the primary instrument on NASA's FGST, launched in June 2008. SLAC managed the fabrication and now hosts the LAT Instrument Science Operations center. 53

The Energy Frontier: Tevatron (FNAL) and the LHC

- The Tevatron at FNAL has been running extremely well.
 - Experiments now significantly limit the allowed values of the Standard Model (SM) Higgs Boson. These limits will continue to improve, ruling out a larger range of SM Higgs masses.
- The LHC is also running extremely well.
 - LHC is expected to discover or rule out the Higgs Boson across the entire SM mass range by the end of 2012.
- An extended Tevatron run was considered
 - Though shutdown was planned after FY 2011, the High Energy Physics Advisory Panel (HEPAP) was asked to advise the Office of Science on extension of running. In light of potential impacts on the rest of the HEP program, particularly the Intensity Frontier activities, HEPAP recommended that the Tevatron run be extended for three years only if additional funds could be secured.
- The FY 2012 President's Request does not include running the Tevatron beyond 2011.





Long Baseline Neutrino Experiment (LBNE) A high priority experiment at the intensity frontier

- LBNE will explore the interactions and transformations of neutrinos from the world's highest intensity neutrino beam at FNAL.
- Precision measurements from LBNE could explain why there is more matter than antimatter in the Universe and bring us closer to a Grand Unified Theory of the fundamental forces of nature.



- Tau neutrino ν_τ
- Electron neutrino v_e
- Muon neutrino v_{μ}



Workforce Development for Teachers and Scientists

Encouraging and supporting the next generation of scientific talent

Program Goals:

- Increase the pipeline of talent pursuing research important to the Office of Science
- Leverage the resources of the DOE national laboratories for education and training
- Increase participation of under-represented students and faculty in STEM programs
- Improve methods of evaluation of effectiveness of programs and impact on STEM workforce

FY 2012 Highlights:

Office of Science Graduate Fellowships-

- 3-year fellowships to pursue advanced degrees in areas of research important to the Office of Science
- 150 Fellowships in FY10 (1st year of the program); 450 in steady state

National Science Bowl (NSB)-

 Regional and national middle school and high school competitions to encourage education and careers in science, with 22,000 students from 1,500 schools

Research Experiences at DOE Labs-

- Science Undergraduate Laboratory Internship
- Community College Institutes
- Academies Creating Teacher Scientists for middle school and high school educators









Supporting and Encouraging Next Generation Scientists

The National Science Bowl Middle School and High School Students

- Begun in 1991, DOE's National Science Bowl[®] is a nationwide academic competition that tests students' knowledge in all areas of science. High school and middle school students are quizzed in a fast paced question-and-answer format similar to Jeopardy.
- 22,000 students from 1,500 schools; 6000 volunteers



First Lady Michelle Obama and Secretary of Energy Steven Chu congratulate Albuquerque Academy, Albuquerque, NM, First Place winner in the 2010 NSB Middle School competition .

Office of Science Graduate Fellowship Graduate Students

- Begun in 2009 with ARRA funding, the SCGF program provides 3-year fellowship awards totaling \$50,500 annually.
- The awards provide support towards tuition, a stipend for living expenses, and support for expenses such as travel to conferences and to DOE user facilities.



DOE SCGF Cohort 2010 at the SCGF Annual Meeting at Argonne National Laboratory.



Science Laboratory Infrastructure

Supporting infrastructure and fostering safe and environmentally responsible operations at the Office of Science laboratories

Program Goals:

- Support scientific and technological innovation at the Office of Science laboratories by providing state-of-the-art research space in modern, safe, and sustainable laboratory facilities.
- Correct longstanding infrastructure deficiencies while ensuring laboratory infrastructure provides a safe and quality work environment.
- Support stewardship responsibilities for the Oak Ridge Reservation and the Federal facilities in the city of Oak Ridge, and provide payments in lieu of taxes to local communities around the Argonne, Brookhaven, and Oak Ridge National Laboratories.

FY 2012 Highlights:

- Continuation of funding for five ongoing line item construction projects at ANL, BNL, LBNL, SLAC and TJNAF
- Supports one new construction start at SLAC for the Science & User Support Building which will bring together many of the laboratory's visitors, users, and administrative services
- Modernization of Laboratory Facilities at ORNL project is scheduled to complete construction in 1QFY12
- Building 74 Renovation at LBNL is scheduled for completion in 1QFY12



Section 103:

Establishes a working group under the National Science and Technology Council to coordinate Federal science agency research and policies related to the dissemination and longterm stewardship of the results of unclassified research, including digital data and peer reviewed scholarly publications, supported wholly, or in part, by funding from the Federal science agencies.



New BESAC Charge

To submit a report describing current policies and practices for disseminating research results in the fields relevant to the Basic Energy Sciences Physics Program.

The report should:

- Describe current policies and practices for disseminating research results, including written findings and digital data, in the fields relevant to the Basic Energy Sciences Program.
- Identify which dissemination models, if any, successfully maximize the potential benefit of research results in a way that is sustainable within the research community.
- Identify any opportunities where public access policies or practices could enhance the discovery potential of Office of Science research results.

The report should be finalized by July 1st, 2011.

