

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's 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 bi-partisan 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".

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 sciences. It is an investment in our future.

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 supporting the physical sciences in 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.