

19 January 2007

The Honorable Nancy Pelosi  
Speaker of the House  
U.S. House of Representatives  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Madam Speaker:

I am writing on behalf of the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers-United States of America (IEEE-USA) to urge your support for increasing funding in the planned Continuing Resolution for the National Science Foundation (NSF), the National Institute for Standards and Technology (NIST) core labs, and the Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science for FY2007 as previously approved by the House and by the Senate Appropriations Committee.

IEEE-USA believes that in order for the United States to remain the Leaders in the emerging global marketplace, the U.S. must develop and implement policies that will sustain U.S. technological leadership and encourage the development of a skilled, creative and competitive work force. To accomplish this goal, the United States needs sustained commitment for supporting fundamental research in the physical sciences and for improving education, training and lifelong learning in math, science, and engineering.

Last year, both Congress and President Bush separately advanced innovation agendas that expressed support for the programs listed above. Very few issues facing Congress enjoy the wide-reaching, bipartisan and public support as strengthening our technological and educational infrastructure in order to enhance our economic competitiveness, national security, and quality of life. We appreciate the emphasis being put on this issue by Congress and the Administration and we urge you to act promptly to pass this legislation into law. For more information, please contact Bill Williams at (202) 530-8331, or at [bill.williams@ieee.org](mailto:bill.williams@ieee.org).

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Sincerely,



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*(Sample of letter sent to House & Senate leadership)*