



## **CHARTER of the COMMITTEE ON TECHNOLOGY**

### **NATIONAL SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY COUNCIL**

The Committee on Technology (CoT) is hereby reestablished by action of the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC).

The CoT serves as part of the internal deliberative process of the NSTC under Executive Order 12881 and provides overall technology policy, program, and budget guidance and direction for the Executive Branch.

For purposes of this charter, technology includes basic and applied research, technology development, demonstrations, engineering, and education and training.

#### Purpose

The purpose of the CoT is to advise and assist the NSTC in improving the overall effectiveness and productivity of federal research and development (R&D) efforts. The Committee will address significant national and international policy matters that cut across agency boundaries and shall provide a formal mechanism for interagency policy coordination and the development of Federal technology activities.

The Committee will act to improve the coordination of all Federal efforts in technology. This includes creating balanced and comprehensive R&D programs, establishing structures to improve the way the Federal government plans and coordinates R&D, and advising the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy, and the Director, Office of Management and Budget, on R&D budget crosscuts and priorities.

#### Functions

Reporting to and under the direction of the Chair of the NSTC, the Committee on Technology will:

- Facilitate technology planning, coordination, and communication among Federal departments and agencies;

- Help identify, define, and advise the NSTC on Federal priorities and plans for technology, and recommend options for Federal priorities;
- Review and advise on Federal policy, programs and issues in international technology development and transfer, including planning, communication, coordination, and technical assistance;
- Address, as deemed necessary, technical programmatic and operational issues that affect two or more Federal agencies;
- Support technology programs and initiatives that enhance global, national, regional, State and local competitiveness and foster long-term economic growth and job creation; and,
- Coordinate with other NSTC committees and facilitate NSTC clearance of documents generated by interagency groups that are established under its aegis.

The CoT co-Chairs, consistent with the Committee's endorsement, will recommend action on major technology issues to the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy for approval.

### Membership

The following departments and agencies are represented on the Committee at the Assistant Secretary or Deputy Assistant Secretary level or above:

Department of Agriculture  
 Department of Defense  
     Directorate for Defense Research and Engineering  
 Department of Commerce  
 Department of Energy  
 Department of Education  
 Department of Health and Human Services  
 Department of Homeland Security  
 Department of the Interior  
 Department of Justice  
 Department of Labor  
 Department of Transportation  
 Department of the Treasury  
 National Aeronautics and Space Administration  
 National Science Foundation  
 National Institutes of Health  
 Central Intelligence Agency  
 Environmental Protection Agency

In addition, the following entities in the Executive Office of the President are also represented on the Committee:

National Economic Council  
Office of Management and Budget  
Office of Science and Technology Policy

Membership shall also include other Executive organizations, departments and agencies as the co-Chairs may designate.

Private Sector Interface

The Committee may seek advice from members of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and will recommend to the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy the nature of additional private sector advice needed to accomplish its mission. The Committee may also interact with and receive *ad hoc* advice from private sector groups as consistent with the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

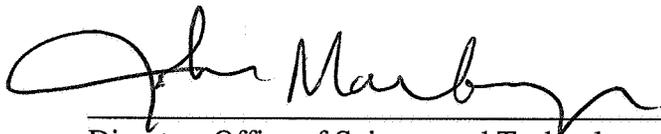
Termination Date

This charter shall terminate no later than March 31, 2009 unless renewed by the Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy.

Determination

I hereby determine that the operation of the Committee on Technology is in the public interest in connection with the performance of duties imposed on the Executive Branch by law and that such duties can best be performed through the advice and counsel of such a group.

Approved:



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Director, Office of Science and Technology  
Policy

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Date