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PRESIDENT BUSH ANNOUNCES THE RECIPIENTS OF THE 2006 NATIONAL MEDALS OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY

WASHINGTON-- Today President George W. Bush announced the recipients of the Nation's highest honor for science and technology, naming the recipients of the 2006 National Medals of Science and Technology.

Both the 2005 and 2006 Medals of Science and Technology will be presented by President Bush to the Laureates during a White House awards ceremony on Friday, July 27, 2007.

The National Medal of Science honors individuals for pioneering scientific research in a range of fields, including physical, biological, mathematical, social, behavioral, and engineering sciences, that enhances our understanding of the world and leads to innovations and technologies that give the United States its global economic edge. The National Science Foundation administers the award, which was established by Congress in 1959. For more information about the National Medal of Science visit www.nsf.gov/nsb/awards/nms/medal.htm.

The 2006 National Medal of Science Laureates:

Hyman Bass - University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, MI
Marvin H. Caruthers - University of Colorado, Boulder, CO
Rita R. Colwell - University of Maryland, Bethesda, MD
Peter B. Dervan - California Institute of Technology, San Marino, CA
Nina V. Fedoroff - Pennsylvania State University, State College, PA
Daniel Kleppner - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA) of Belmont, MA
Robert S. Langer - Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA) of Newton, MA
Lubert Stryer - Stanford University, Stanford, CA

The National Medal of Technology honors America's leading innovators. The award is given to individuals, teams, and/or companies/divisions for their outstanding contributions to the nation's economic, environmental and social well-being through the development and commercialization of technology products, processes and concepts; technological innovation; and development of the Nation's technological manpower. The Department of Commerce administers the award, which was established by an act of Congress in 1980. For more information about the National Medal of Technology visit: <http://www.technology.gov/medal/>

The 2006 National Medal of Technology Laureates:

Leslie A. Geddes - Purdue University, Lafayette, IN

Paul G. Kaminski - Technovation, Inc., Fairfax Station, VA

Herwig W. Kogelnik - Alcatel-Lucent Bell Labs (Murray Hill, NJ) of Fair Haven, NJ

Charles M. Vest-formerly of Massachusetts Institute of Technology (Cambridge, MA) of Arlington, VA

James E. West - The Johns Hopkins University (Baltimore, MD), of Plainfield, NJ

Note: The recipients of the 2005 National Medals of Science and Technology were announced on May 29 and June 12, 2007, respectively. See www.ostp.gov ("Current News") for information on these laureates.

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If you are a member of the WH Press Corps, please send an e-mail to pressclearance@who.eop.gov the day before the event (Thursday, July 26, 2007) to request clearance into the event.

If you are a not a member of the WH Press Corps but are a local/regional/trade reporter, please call the WH Media Affairs number at : 202-456-6238 the day before the event (Thursday, July 26, 2007) to request clearance.

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