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NATIONAL SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT TO BE CONVENED IN AUGUST

WASHINGTON—The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) announced today that it will convene the National Science and Technology Summit at Oak Ridge National Laboratory in Oak Ridge, Tennessee on August 18-19, 2008. The theme of the Summit is “Science, Technology, and American Competitiveness: Progress and Direction Forward.”

The Summit will be convened by OSTP and will feature key government, university, and private sector leaders, including keynote addresses by: Secretary of Education Margaret Spellings, National Semiconductor CEO Brian Halla, and IBM Senior Vice President for Research and Development Dr. John E. Kelly, III. Numerous key Congressional leaders are also expected to attend and participate, including Senator Lamar Alexander (R-TN), Congressmen Bart Gordon (D-TN), and Congressman Zach Wamp (R-TN).

The Summit, which was called for by the 2007 America COMPETES Act (Public Law 110-69), will focus on assessing the status of consensus policy recommendations to strengthen long-term U.S. economic competitiveness through science and technology. Among the policy proposals that will be reviewed at the Summit is President Bush’s American Competitiveness Initiative (ACI), a package of priority investments and policies related to research and development, the science and engineering workforce, and math and science education.

For more information on the Summit or to register to receive future information updates, visit: <http://www.ornl.gov/natlscitechsummit/index.shtml>.

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