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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

I am pleased to forward with this letter the annual report on the multi-agency Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. This Supplement to the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2005 describes activities funded by Federal NITRD agencies in the areas of advanced networking and information technologies. Investments in these fundamental technologies are continuing to fuel the engine of innovation in science and technology innovation that is essential to the Nation's current and future security and economic prosperity.

The impact of the NITRD Program is felt not only in the research communities directly supported by NITRD funds, but also in a wide range of scientific and engineering research efforts that span both Federal programs and the private sector. Multi-agency programs like NITRD provide the Federal government the opportunity to maximize this impact through a coordinated investment strategy, and this report provides a clear picture of the value of such coordination.

The NITRD Program helps to assure that the United States continues to lead the world in science and engineering by supporting fundamental research, education, and the development of new information technologies that continue to transform our economy and enhance our standard of living. I am pleased to provide to you this report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John Marburger". The signature is fluid and cursive.

John H. Marburger, III
Director