

**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE
CHARTER OF THE
NATIONAL INSTITUTE OF STANDARDS AND TECHNOLOGY
TECHNOLOGY INNOVATION PROGRAM (TIP) ADVISORY BOARD**

ESTABLISHMENT:

In accordance with the requirements of Section 3012(b)(k) of the America COMPETES Act, Public Law 110-69, the Secretary of Commerce hereby establishes the Technology Innovation Program (TIP) Advisory Board, hereinafter referred to as the Board, pursuant to the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 USC App. 2.

OBJECTIVES AND DUTIES:

The Board will act in the public interest to:

1. Provide advice on TIP programs, plans, and policies.
2. Review TIP's efforts to accelerate the research and development of challenging, high-risk, high-reward research in areas of critical national need.
3. Report on the general health of the program and its effectiveness in achieving its legislatively mandated mission.
4. Provide guidance on investment areas that are appropriate for TIP funding.
5. Function solely as an advisory body, in accordance with the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act.

MEMBERS AND CHAIRPERSON:

1. The Director of NIST shall appoint the members of the Board, and they will be selected on a clear, standardized basis, in accordance with applicable Department of Commerce guidance. Members shall be selected on the basis of established records of distinguished service in their professional community and their knowledge of issues affecting the Technology Innovation Program. Members serve at the discretion of the NIST Director.
2. The Board shall consist of 10 members appointed by the NIST Director, at least 7 of whom shall be from United States industry, chosen to reflect the wide diversity of technical disciplines and industrial sectors represented in Technology Innovation Program projects. No member shall be an employee of the Federal Government. Members shall serve as Special Government Employees (SGEs) and will be subject to the ethical standards applicable to SGEs.

3. The term of office of each member of the Board shall be three years, except that vacancy appointments shall be for the remainder of the unexpired term of the vacancy and that the initial members shall have staggered terms such that three members shall have initial terms of one year, three members shall have initial terms of two years, and four members shall have initial terms of three years. Members who are not able to fulfill the duties and responsibilities of the Board will have their membership terminated.

4. Any person who has completed two consecutive full terms of service on the Board shall be ineligible for appointment for a third term during the one year period following the expiration of the second term.

5. The Director of NIST shall appoint the Chair from among the members of the Board, who will serve a 3 year term, subject to renewal by the Director.

ADMINISTRATIVE PROVISIONS:

1. The Board shall report to the Director of NIST.

2. The TIP Program within NIST will provide staff support for the Board.

3. The Director of the Technology Innovation Program will serve as the Designated Federal Officer (DFO) for TIP.

4. The Board shall meet at least twice per year at the call of the DFO. Additional meetings may be called by the DFO whenever one-third or more of the members so request it in writing or whenever the Chair or the NIST Director requests a meeting.

5. Members of the Board shall not be compensated for their services, but will, upon request, be allowed travel and per diem expenses in accordance with 5 U.S.C. 5701 et seq., while attending meetings of the Board or subcommittees thereof, or while otherwise performing duties at the request of the Chair, while away from their homes or regular places of business.

6. The Board shall transmit an annual report through the Director of the TIP and the Director of NIST, to the Secretary of Commerce for transmittal to the Congress not later than 30 days after the submission to Congress of the President's annual budget request in each year. Such report will address the status of the Technology Innovation Program and comment on relevant sections of the programmatic planning document and updates thereto transmitted to Congress by the NIST Director under subsections (c) and (d) of section 23 of the NIST Act (15 U.S.C. 278i).

7. The Board may establish subcommittees subject to the provisions of the Federal Advisory Committee Act and the Department of Commerce *Committee Management Handbook*. Subcommittee members shall be selected from the parent committee.

8. The annual cost of operating the Board is estimated at \$27,606, which includes .04 work years of staff support.

DURATION:

This charter shall terminate two years from the date of the filing of this charter with the appropriate U.S. Senate and House of Representatives Oversight Committees unless earlier terminated or renewed by proper authority.

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Date

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Chief Financial Officer and
Assistant Secretary for Administration

Pursuant to subsection 9(c) of the Federal Advisory Committee Act, 5 U.S.C. App. 2, this charter was signed by the Chief Financial Officer and Assistant Secretary for Administration on December 21, 2007. On the same date, a copy was filed with the following committees of Congress, and a copy furnished to the Library of Congress:

- Senate Committee on Commerce, Science and Transportation
- Senate Finance Committee
- House Committee on Science and Technology

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Date



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