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**PRESIDENT TO NOMINATE OSTP OFFICIALS TO NEW POSTS**  
*Kathie Olsen to be Nominated as Deputy Director of NSF and William Jeffrey to be Nominated to Head NIST*

President Bush today announced his intention to nominate two OSTP Officials to senior Government science and technology posts. Dr. Kathie Olsen, OSTP Associate Director for Science is to be nominated as Deputy Director of the National Science Foundation (NSF) and Dr. William Jeffrey is to be nominated as Director of the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST).

“OSTP is grateful for the extraordinary contributions Kathie and Bill have made to our office and the Administration, they will be sorely missed,” said Dr. John H. Marburger, III, science advisor to President Bush and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy. “The Government science enterprise will benefit immensely from the experience and leadership of these two highly capable scientists and managers. We wish them the best in their new pursuits.”

Dr. Kathie L. Olsen is the Associate Director for Science for the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) in the Executive Office of the President where she is responsible for overseeing science and education policy including physical sciences, life sciences, environmental science, and behavioral and social sciences. Prior to that, Dr. Olsen served as NASA’s Chief Scientist and the Acting Associate Administrator for the new Enterprise in Biological and Physical Research.

Before joining NASA, Dr. Olsen was the Senior Staff Associate for the Science and Technology Centers in the National Science Foundation (NSF) Office of Integrative Activities. Dr. Olsen also served as a Brookings Institute Legislative Fellow and then an NSF detail in the Office of Senator Conrad Burns of Montana. Preceding her work on Capitol Hill, she served for two years as Acting Deputy Director for the Division of Integrative Biology and Neuroscience at the NSF, where she has worked and held numerous other science-related positions. She came to NSF from a faculty position at the State University of New York, Stony Brook.

Dr. Olsen received her B.S. in Biology and Psychology with honors from Chatham College, Pittsburgh, Pa. and a Ph.D. in Neuroscience at the University of California, Irvine.

Dr. William Jeffrey is currently the Senior Director for Homeland and National Security and the Assistant Director for Space and Aeronautics at the Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) within the Executive Office of the President. Dr. Jeffrey has been involved in federal science and technology programs and policy since 1988. His previous assignment was with the Defense Advanced Research Projects Agency (DARPA) where he served as the Deputy Director for the Advanced Technology Office and Chief Scientist for the Tactical Technology Office. While at DARPA, Dr. Jeffrey developed research programs in communications, computer network security, novel sensor development, and space operations.

Prior to joining DARPA, Dr. Jeffrey was the Assistant Deputy for Technology at the Defense Airborne Reconnaissance Office where he managed advanced sensor concepts for uninhabited aerial vehicles. Dr. Jeffrey also spent several years working at the Institute for Defense Analyses performing technical analyses in support of the Department of Defense.

Dr. Jeffrey received his Ph.D. in Astronomy from Harvard University and his B.S. in Physics from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

*About the Office of Science and Technology Policy*

Congress established OSTP in 1976 with a broad mandate to advise the President and others within the Executive Office of the President on the impacts of science and technology on domestic and international affairs. The 1976 Act also authorizes OSTP to lead an interagency effort to develop and to implement sound science and technology policies and budgets and to work with the private sector, state and local governments, the science and higher education communities, and other nations toward this end. The Director of OSTP serves as co-chair of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology and oversees the National Science and Technology Council on behalf of the President. For more information visit [www.ostp.gov](http://www.ostp.gov).

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