



Office of Science and Technology Policy
Executive Office of the President
New Executive Office Building
Washington, DC 20502

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE
October 31, 2007

Contact: Kristin Scuderi
(202)456-6124
kscuderi@ostp.eop.gov

OFFICE OF SCIENCE & TECHNOLOGY POLICY ANNOUNCE NEW DIRECTOR OF THE NATIONAL INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY RESEARCH & DEVELOPMENT COORDINATION OFFICE

WASHINGTON—The Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) today announced the appointment of Dr. Christopher L. Greer as Director of the National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD)—the office that coordinates interagency planning, budget, and assessment activities for the 3-plus billion dollar Federal Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program. As Director of this office, Dr. Greer also serves as co-chair of the National Science and Technology Council's (NSTC) 13-member Subcommittee on Networking and Information Technology Research and Development.

“Continual advances in information technology are essential for maintaining national productivity, economic competitiveness, and leadership in science,” said Dr. John H. Marburger, III, science advisor to President Bush and Director, Office of Science and Technology Policy. “The NITRD program is essential for the rational planning and coordination of the multiple federal initiatives in information technology. Chris’s knowledge and experience are very well suited to lead this effort. I am delighted that he has accepted this challenging responsibility.”

Dr. Greer joins the National Coordination Office from the National Science Foundation, where he served as Program Director for the Office of Cyber infrastructure and was responsible for strategic planning for digital data activities. Dr. Greer has also served as Program Director in the Directorate for Biological Sciences and Cyber infrastructure Advisor in the Office of the Assistant Director for Biological Sciences and Executive Secretary for the Long-lived Digital Data Collections Activities of the National Science Board. He currently serves as Co-Chair of the Interagency Working Group on Digital Data of the National Science and Technology Council’s Committee on Science.

Dr. Greer received his Ph.D. in biochemistry from the University of California, Berkeley and did his postdoctoral work at CalTech. Dr. Greer was a member of the faculty at the University of California at Irvine in the Department of Biological Chemistry for approximately 18 years where

his research on gene expression pathways was supported by grants from the NSF, NIH, and the American Heart Association. During that time, he was founding Executive Officer of the RNA Society, an international professional organization with more than 700 members from 21 countries worldwide.

Dr. Greer succeeds Dr. Charles H. Romine, who served as National Coordination Office Acting Director since February 2007.

About the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program:

The NITRD Program, now in its 16th year, provides a framework and mechanisms for coordination among the many Federal agencies that support R&D in networking and information technology. The NITRD Program is the Nation's primary source of Federally funded revolutionary breakthroughs in advanced information technologies such as computing, networking, and software. The NITRD Program coordination is carried out by the Subcommittee on Networking and Information Technology Research and Development, under the aegis of the Committee on Technology of the NSTC. For more information about the NITRD Program, visit www.nitrd.gov.

###