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WASHINGTON, D.C. 20502

MEMBERS OF CONGRESS:

I am pleased to forward with this letter the annual report on the interagency Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) Program. This Supplement to the President's Budget for Fiscal Year 2009 describes research and development activities in advanced networking, software, high-end computing and computational science, cyber security, and other leading-edge information technologies funded by the 13 Federal agencies that participate in the NITRD Program.

Capabilities and tools generated through NITRD investments accelerate advances across the spectrum of science, engineering, and technology fields, supporting key national security and scientific missions of the Federal Government and enhancing the Nation's economic competitiveness. The President's Fiscal Year 2009 Budget provides a 6 percent increase for the NITRD Program overall, reflecting the vital contributions of networking and information technology to sustaining U.S. leadership in science and technology, consistent with the objectives of President Bush's American Competitiveness Initiative.

The active collaboration and coordination among the NITRD agencies in the planning and execution of their research programs leverages the Federal investment in these critical technologies, enabling the Program to have a greater impact than agencies alone could achieve. You will find many examples of such coordination in this timely report.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "John Marburger, III". The signature is fluid and cursive, with the first name "John" being the most prominent.

John H. Marburger, III
Director