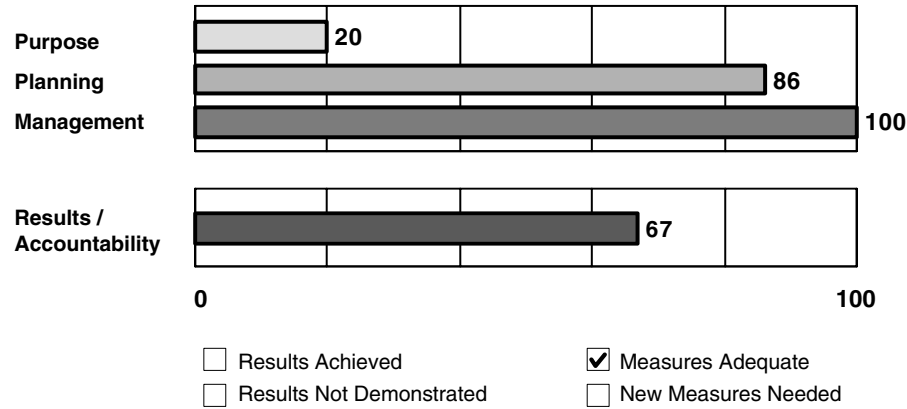


Program: *Advanced Technology Program*

Agency: *Department of Commerce*

Bureau: *National Institute of Standards and Technology*



Key Performance Measures

Year Target Actual

Annual Measure: Cumulative number of publications generated by ATP-funded research	1999	480	468
	2000	680	565
	2001	720	747
	2002	770	
Annual Measure: Cumulative number of patents generated by ATP-funded research	1999	640	607
	2000	770	693
	2001	790	800
	2002	930	
Annual Measure: Cumulative number of technologies under commercialization	1999	120	120
	2000	170	166
	2001	180	195
	2002	190	

Rating: *Adequate*

Program Type: *Competitive Grants*

Program Summary:

The Advanced Technology Program (ATP) is intended to fund the development and dissemination of high-risk technologies through cost-shared grants to companies.

1. The program scored well in management and planning, but a clear need for the program is not evident.
2. The program is well-managed. The grant application process is open and competitive. Once grants are awarded, projects are subject to close oversight from project managers.
3. The program has adequate strategic planning goals and regular reviews are conducted to assess performance.
4. Annual performance measures suggest some progress over time. However, it is difficult to identify the extent to which ATP funding was required for projects. Past studies have demonstrated that similar research was being funded by the private sector without federal assistance.
5. Given the magnitude of funding available from corporate research labs, venture capital firms, and universities, it is not evident that ATP has a unique or significant impact on the advancement of high-risk technologies.

In response to these findings and lack of Congressional action on the Administration's proposed reforms for the program, the Budget proposes termination. Funding available in 2003-04 will be focused on prior year award commitments and administrative support to ensure proper oversight of continuing projects.

(For more information on this program, please see the Department of Commerce chapter in the Budget volume.)

Program Funding Level (in millions of dollars)

<u>2002 Actual</u>	<u>2003 Estimate</u>	<u>2004 Estimate</u>
184	107	27