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| NIST News | http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/newsfromnist_recovery.html | National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) will receive $610 million in funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009. The agency will use the funds for programs that support U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness, key factors in spurring economic growth.<br><br>The Act provides $220 million in direct appropriations for NIST laboratory research, competitive grants, research fellowships, and advanced research and measurement equipment and supplies. An additional $360 million in direct appropriations is provided for construction of research facilities, half for NIST projects and half for a competitive grant program for science research facilities outside of NIST. Additional funding transferred to NIST from other federal agencies includes $20 million for standards-related work on electronic medical records to assist in modernizing the health care system and $10 million for collaborative efforts to develop a comprehensive framework for a nationwide, fully interoperable smart grid for the U.S. electr | 3/3/2009 | Commerce, Stimulus, Recovery Act, NIST, grants, research, laboratory, Smart Grid, health information system |
| NOAA Press Release | http://www.noaanews.noaa.gov/stories2009/20090303_recoveryact.html | NOAA general release on ARRA funding.<br>The Department of Commerce's National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration will receive $830 million in funds as part of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act. The agency will use the funds, equivalent to 20 percent of NOAA's 2008 budget, for projects that protect life and property and conserve and protect natural resources. The act provides $230 million for habitat restoration, navigation projects, vessel maintenance, and other activities. An additional $430 million will be dedicated for construction and repair of NOAA facilities, ships and equipment, improvements for weather forecasting and satellite development. A total of $170 million will also be directed for climate modeling activities, including supercomputing procurement and research into climate change. | 3/3/2009 | Commerce, Stimulus, Recovery Act, NOAA, grants, ships, weather, satellite, climate, supercomputing |