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Save the date for an important workshop!

What: Regional, State, and Local Initiatives in Nanotechnology 2009

When: April 1 – 3, 2009

Who: The National Nanotechnology Initiative, in conjunction with the Oklahoma Nanotechnology Initiative

Where: Skirvin Hilton Hotel, Oklahoma City, OK

Why: To help achieve our common vision – a future in which the ability to understand and control matter at the nanoscale leads to a revolution in technology and industry that benefits society. Nanotechnology has the potential to enhance existing industries, create new economic opportunities, and generate high quality jobs in the United States. By improving interfaces between Federal, regional, state, and local initiatives, we can better leverage our resources. This will contribute to economic development by supporting large and small businesses across the country in manufacturing, health care, agriculture, energy, information technology, and other economic sectors.

How: Meet with your colleagues from around the country for two and a half days to discuss how national, regional, state, and local nanotechnology-related organizations can be more effective by working together. We will develop concrete ideas for improving the outcome of our research, education, and economic development efforts. For example, consortia, online databases and other networking tools can enhance engagement between members of the national nanotechnology community. Workshop discussions will be organized around three themes:

- **Cooperation**

*How can the different initiatives leverage each other's activities?
How can we interface better?*

- **Communication**

*What tools should we develop to make it easier to share resources
and identify opportunities?*

- **Commercialization**

*What are the barriers to innovation in nanotechnology? How can
we overcome them together?*

For further information, send an email to RSL09@nnco.nano.gov or visit <http://www.nano.gov/nanoRegional.html>. Stay tuned for information on special workshop events celebrating NanoDays, when science education centers around the country are highlighting their nanotechnology activities.

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