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President's Innovation and Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC) Announces Live Webcast Discussion

DATE: Tuesday, June 22, 2010

TIME: 10 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Live streamed on PCAST website

BACKGROUND:

The President's Innovation and Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC), which is part of the President's Council of Advisors on Science and Technology (PCAST), is soliciting information and ideas from stakeholders—including the research community, the private sector, universities, national laboratories, State and local governments, foundations, and nonprofit organizations—regarding the congruence of three areas of research that together are transforming the technology landscape: information technology, biotechnology, and nanotechnology. Specifically, PITAC would like to know:

What are the critical infrastructures that only government can help provide that are needed to enable creation of new biotechnology, nanotechnology, and information technology products and innovations that will lead to new jobs and greater GDP?

Points to consider include: What are unique opportunities at the intersections of these fields; where is the basic research in these fields taking us and what knowledge gaps remain; what are the impediments to commercialization and broad use of these technologies; what infrastructure is required to properly test, prototype, scale, and manufacture breakthrough technologies; where should the Federal government invest and focus; and what Federal policies or programs relating to these technologies are in need of review and what new programs or policies may be needed in light of recent and anticipated advances in these fields?

Stakeholders can submit ideas at the OpenPCAST website: <http://pcast.ideascale.com/> and can also submit comments during a live webcast discussion that will take place on Tuesday, June 22 from 10 am to 2:30 pm on the [PCAST website](#).

Media can cover the discussion and submitted comments via the live webcast on the [PCAST website](#).

For full agenda and instructions for listening: <http://www.whitehouse.gov/ostp/pcast>

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