

National Science Board

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MEMORANDUM FROM THE CHAIRMAN OF THE NATIONAL SCIENCE BOARD

TO: The President and Congress of the United States

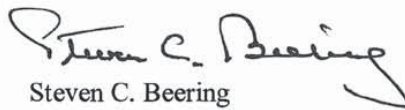
SUBJECT: *Science and Engineering Indicators 2010*

As Chairman of the National Science Board, it is my honor to transmit on behalf of the Board the nineteenth in the series of biennial science indicators reports, *Science and Engineering Indicators 2010*. The Board submits this report as required by 42 U.S.C. § 1863 (j) (1).

The Science Indicators series was designed to provide a broad base of quantitative information about U.S. science, engineering, and technology for use by policymakers, researchers, and the general public. *Science and Engineering Indicators 2010* contains analyses of key aspects of the scope, quality, and vitality of the Nation's science and engineering enterprise in the context of global science and technology.

The report presents information on science, mathematics, and engineering education at all levels; the scientific and engineering workforce; U.S. and international research and development performance; U.S. competitiveness in high technology; and public attitudes and understanding of science and engineering. A chapter on state-level science and engineering presents state comparisons on selected indicators. An Overview chapter distills selected key themes emerging from the report.

The Board hopes that both the Administration and Congress find the new quantitative information and analysis in the report useful and timely for informed thinking and planning on national priorities, policies, and programs in science and technology.



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