



About the NCO

The National Coordination Office (NCO) for Networking and Information Technology Research and Development (NITRD) supports the planning, budget, and assessment activities of the Federal government's NITRD Program.

The NCO reports to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP) and the National Science and Technology Council (NSTC). The NCO supports the participating Federal agencies through the NSTC's NITRD Subcommittee, Interagency Working Group on High End Computing (HEC IWG), Interagency Working Group on Cyber Security and Information Assurance (CSIA IWG), and five Coordinating Groups (CGs) to prepare and implement the NITRD budget crosscut, totaling \$2.3 billion in FY 2005.

Federal IT research, which launched and fueled the digital revolution, continues to drive innovation in scientific research, national security, communication, and commerce to sustain U.S. technological leadership. The NITRD agencies' collaborative efforts increase the overall effectiveness and productivity of Federal networking and information technology R&D investments, leveraging strengths, avoiding duplication, and increasing interoperability of R&D products.

The IWGs and CGs focus on the following research areas:

CSIA	Cyber Security and Information Assurance
HCI&IM	Human Computer Interaction and Information Management
HCSS	High Confidence Software and Systems
HEC	High End Computing
LSN	Large Scale Networking
SDP	Software Design and Productivity
SEW	Social, Economic, and Workforce Implications of IT and IT Workforce Development

The NCO has supported the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC), a private-sector panel of leading IT executives and researchers that provides expert independent advice to the President on IT R&D issues.

A key NCO activity is informing the public of Federal achievements and challenges in NITRD. As part of this mission, the NCO maintains a Web site, publishes annual budget documents in cooperation with the NITRD agencies, including the NITRD Supplement to the President's Budget, and special reports, such as PITAC reports and research needs assessments.

For additional information about the NCO, see <http://www.nitrd.gov>.

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