



CALIFORNIA COUNCIL ON SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY,
IN COLLABORATION WITH THE CALIFORNIA INSTITUTE FOR FEDERAL
POLICY RESEARCH, INVITES YOU TO ATTEND A

CAPITOL HILL RECEPTION
***Presenting CCST's Report, "California's
Federal Laboratories: A State Resource"***

Wednesday, April 5, 2006 – 5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m.
Rayburn House Office Building, Room 2325

You are cordially invited to attend a reception hosted by the California Council on Science and Technology (CCST) that will take place next Wednesday, April 5, 2006, from 5:30 to 7:00 p.m. in Room 2325 of the Rayburn House Office Building in Washington, DC.

At a time when California's economic future increasingly relies on scientific and engineering expertise, the federal labs provide critically important know-how and highly specialized facilities. Today, going beyond their federal missions, the labs work hand in glove with California state agencies, industry, and universities to collaboratively solve local problems and pursue new research initiatives. Even so, they remain a largely untapped resource, and, in some respects, their future is being threatened by competition from other states. Given their many contributions and remarkable potential, it is to California's advantage to ensure that the federal laboratories flourish here.

Clarifying what the labs represent is the first step in helping the state make the most of what they have to offer - and act to maximize their chances for success. A new report from CCST, "*California's Federal Laboratories: A State Resource*," clarifies the contributions that national laboratories make to the state, what actions should be taken to ensure the stability of the national labs in California, and what can be done to further leverage their contributions to the state.

CCST is a nonpartisan, impartial, not-for-profit corporation established in 1988 at the request of the California State Government and sponsored by the state's major postsecondary institutions and affiliate national laboratories, in conjunction with leading private-sector firms. CCST's mission is to improve science and technology policy and application in California by proposing programs, conducting analyses, and recommending public policies and initiatives that will maintain California's technological leadership and a vigorous economy. See <http://www.ccst.us>

For purposes complying with gift rules, note that both CCST and the California Institute are 501(c)(3) charitable nonprofits, refreshments and food will be of nominal value, and this will be a widely-attended event. We look forward to seeing you on Wednesday the 5th.