# 2007 Current Fiscal Year Report: Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee

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| **1. Department or Agency** | **2. Fiscal Year** |
| Department of Commerce | 2007 |

| | **3b. GSA Committee No.** |
|---|---|
| **3. Committee or Subcommittee** | |
| Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee | 5281 |

| **4. Is this New During Fiscal Year?** | **5. Current Charter** | **6. Expected Renewal Date** | **7. Expected Term Date** |
|---|---|---|---|
| No | 12/28/2005 | 12/28/2007 | 08/09/2007 |

| **8a. Was Terminated During FiscalYear?** | **8b. Specific Termination Authority** | **8c. Actual Term Date** |
|---|---|---|
| Yes | | 08/09/2007 |

| **9. Agency Recommendation for Next FiscalYear** | **10a. Legislation Req to Terminate?** | **10b. Legislation Pending?** |
|---|---|---|
| Continue | No | Enacted |

**11. Establishment Authority**  Agency Authority

| **12. Specific Establishment Authority** | **13. Effective Date** | **14. Commitee Type** | **14c. Presidential?** |
|---|---|---|---|
| Secretary's Decision Memorandum | 05/07/1999 | Continuing | No |

**15. Description of Committee**  Scientific Technical Program Advisory Board

**16a. Total Number of Reports** 1

| 16b. Report Date | Report Title |
|---|---|
| 07/10/2007 | 2006 Annual Report of the Advanced Technology Program Advisory Committee |

**Number of Committee Reports Listed:** 1

| **17a. Open** | **17b. Closed** | **17c. Partially Closed** | **Other Activities** | **17d. Total** |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| 0 | 0 | 2 | 0 | 2 |

## Meetings and Dates

| Purpose | Start | End |
|---|---|---|
| To review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the Advanced Technology Program, its organization, its budget, and its programs. | 01/30/2007 - 01/30/2007 | |
| Review and make recommendations regarding general policy for the ATP, its organization, its budget, and its programs within the framework of applicable national policies set forth by the President and Congress. | 05/15/2007 - 05/15/2007 | |

**Number of Committee Meetings Listed:** 2

| | Current FY | Next FY |
|---|---|---|
| **18a(1). Personnel Pmts to Non-Federal Members** | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **18a(2). Personnel Pmts to Federal Members** | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **18a(3). Personnel Pmts to Federal Staff** | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **18a(4). Personnel Pmts to Non-Member Consultants** | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **18b(1). Travel and Per Diem to Non-Federal Members** | $8,091.00 | $0.00 |
| **18b(2). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Members** | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **18b(3). Travel and Per Diem to Federal Staff** | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **18b(4). Travel and Per Diem to Non-member Consultants** | $0.00 | $0.00 |
| **18c. Other(rents,user charges, graphics, printing, mail, etc.)** | $1,355.00 | $0.00 |
| **18d. Total** | $9,446.00 | $0.00 |
| **19. Federal Staff Support Years (FTE)** | 0.00 | 0.00 |

## 20a. How does the Committee accomplish its purpose?

The Committee provides advice on ATP programs, plans, and policies; reviews ATP evaluation efforts; and reports on the general

health of the program and its effectiveness in achieving its legislatively mandated mission.

**20b. How does the Committee balance its membership?**
Membership is balanced by ensuring the Committee composition reflects the wide diversity of technical disciplines and industrial sectors represented in ATP projects. Because ATP is industry-led, the Committee has significant representation from industry. Members are also drawn from other communities having an interest in ATP, such as, but not limited to, universities, state, local or tribal government bodies, non-profit research institutions, the venture capital community, the economics assessment community and other Federal agencies or laboratories.

**20c. How frequent and relevant are the Committee Meetings?**
In a typical year the Committee meets at least once a year, and provides comments and feedback after each meeting. A more in-depth annual report is presented to the Secretary of Commerce that provides an assessment of the program, covering topics such as the effectiveness of the program in achieving the mission specified in its legislation, and recommendations for improving the program.

**20d. Why can't the advice or information this committee provides be obtained elsewhere?**
ATP provides cost-shared awards on a competitive basis to industry for development of high-risk, enabling technologies that can form the basis for new and improved products, manufacturing processes, and services. Since ATP is an industry-led program, often with

university involvement, it is important to have a committee comprised of members from industry, universities, and other organizations having an interest in the program to provide the necessary advice and expertise to keep the program grounded in its guiding principles and focused on its strategic plans.

## 20e. Why is it necessary to close and/or partially closed committee meetings?

The Committee advises ATP and NIST on its budget and future planning. As a result, the Committee is thoroughly briefed at its meetings on budget planning and the progress of budgetary actions before the President's budget is released. Portions of the meetings are closed for these discussions in accordance with Section 552(b)(9)(B) of Title 5, United States Code, on the basis that they are likely to divulge matters that may significantly frustrate implementation of proposed actions.

## 21. Remarks

## Designated Federal Officer

Marc Stanley DFO

| Committee Members | Start | End | Occupation | Member Designation |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Armbrecht, F. M. Ross | 01/01/2006 | 12/31/2008 | Executive Director, Delaware Foundation for Science & Mathematics Education | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Borrus, Michael | 01/01/2006 | 12/31/2008 | General Partner, X/Seed Capital | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Byrd, John | 01/01/2005 | 12/31/2007 | President, The Association for Manufacturing Technology | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

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| Cannon, Peter | 01/01/2006 | 12/31/2008 | VRE, Seaview Avenue, Ventura, CA 93001 | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Haseltine, Eric | 01/01/2005 | 12/31/2007 | Associate Director of National Intelligence for Science & Technology, DNI | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Powers, Linda | 01/02/2005 | 12/31/2007 | Managing Director, Toucan Capital Corporation | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |
| Russell, Alan | 01/01/2005 | 12/31/2007 | Director, McGowan Institute for Regenerative Medicine, Univ. of Pittsburgh | Special Government Employee (SGE) Member |

**Number of Committee Members Listed:** 7

**Narrative Description**

The Committee meets generally twice a year for discussion with ATP and NIST senior management and to provide feedback. In the past three years, the Committee has primarily examined the benefits of this program and has made recommendations to strengthen ties to states and universities and other federal agencies, as well as ways to improve R&D planning.

**What are the most significant program outcomes associated with this committee?**

|  | Checked if Applies |
|---|---|
| Improvements to health or safety | ☐ |
| Trust in government | ✔ |
| Major policy changes | ☐ |
| Advance in scientific research | ✔ |
| Effective grant making | ✔ |
| Improved service delivery | ✔ |
| Increased customer satisfaction | ✔ |
| Implementation of laws or regulatory requirements | ☐ |
| Other | ☐ |

**Outcome Comments**

NA

**What are the cost savings associated with this committee?**

Checked if Applies

| | |
|---|---|
| None | ☐ |
| Unable to Determine | ✓ |
| Under $100,000 | ☐ |
| $100,000 - $500,000 | ☐ |
| $500,001 - $1,000,000 | ☐ |
| $1,000,001 - $5,000,000 | ☐ |
| $5,000,001 - $10,000,000 | ☐ |
| Over $10,000,000 | ☐ |
| Cost Savings Other | ☐ |

**Cost Savings Comments**

NA

**What is the approximate <u>Number</u> of recommendations produced by this committee for the life of the committee?**

26

**Number of Recommendations Comments**

This will vary from year to year. In a typical year there might be 3 or 4 major recommendations as well as a number of minor suggestions. The Committee meets twice each year. Recommendations are summarized and compiled in the Committee's annual report.

**What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Fully</u> implemented by the agency?**

100%

**% of Recommendations <u>Fully</u> Implemented Comments**

In the last report all of the major recommendations have been implemented to a considerable degree. Sometimes committee recommendations require ongoing continuing effect rather than a one-shot action to which an end-point can be defined. NIST strives to implement all of the recommendations of this committee unless they conflict with the ATP legislation or DoC policy. Implementation of some recommendations is out of the ATP's

control (e.g., addressed to Congress).

**What is the approximate <u>Percentage</u> of these recommendations that have been or will be <u>Partially</u> implemented by the agency?**
0%

**% of Recommendations <u>Partially</u> Implemented Comments**
NA

**Does the agency provide the committee with feedback regarding actions taken to implement recommendations or advice offered?**
Yes ✔    No ☐    Not Applicable ☐

**Agency Feedback Comments**
At each meeting, ATP and NIST officials brief the committee on actions taken in response to recommendations made previously by the Committee. Letters and emails to committee members between meetings may also be used to communicate new information and keep the Committee up to date on progress.

**What other actions has the agency taken as a result of the committee's advice or recommendation?**

|  | Checked if Applies |
|---|---|
| Reorganized Priorities | ✔ |
| Reallocated resources | ☐ |
| Issued new regulation | ☐ |
| Proposed legislation | ☐ |
| Approved grants or other payments | ☐ |
| Other | ✔ |

**Action Comments**
ATP has taken steps to improve ties with states and universities. ATP has taken steps to coordinate with other federal agencies. ATP has become more sensitive to industrial sectors, such as manufacturing.

**Is the Committee engaged in the review of applications for grants?**
No

**Grant Review Comments**
NA

**How is access provided to the information for the Committee's documentation?**

|  | Checked if Applies |
|---|---|
| Contact DFO | ☐ |
| Online Agency Web Site | ✔ |
| Online Committee Web Site | ☐ |
| Online GSA FACA Web Site | ✔ |
| Publications | ✔ |
| Other | ✔ |

**Access Comments**

Annual reports of the Committee and meeting minutes are posted on the ATP website.