

Understanding the  
*National  
Science and  
Technology  
Council*



# What is the NSTC ?

- A Cabinet-level council of advisers to the President on Science and Technology
- Principal means to coordinate science and technology matters within the Federal research and development enterprise
- Means to establish clear national goals for Federal science and technology investments

# Principal Functions of the NSTC

- Coordinate the science and technology (S&T) policy making process
- Ensure that S&T policy decisions and programs are consistent with President's goals
- Help integrate the President's S&T policy agenda across the Federal Government
- Ensure that S&T are considered in the development and implementation of Federal policies and programs
- Further international cooperation in S&T.

# Top-level NSTC Structure

**NSTC**  
**Director, OSTP**

**Committee  
on Science**

**Committee  
on Technology**

**Committee  
on Environment &  
Natural Res.**

**Committee  
on Homeland and  
National Sec.**

Co-Chairs:

NSF / Colwell  
NIH / Zerhouni  
OSTP/ Olsen

Co-Chairs:

Commerce/ Bond  
OSTP/ Russell

Co-Chairs:

NOAA/ Lautenbacher  
EPA / Gilman  
OSTP/ Olsen

Co-Chairs:

DOD / Wynne  
DHS/ McQueary  
OSTP/ Dale

**Current NSTC  
Structure 10-2003**

