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**FASEB RELEASES FY2011 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCIENCE AGENCIES**

*Bethesda, MD* – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has released its annual report to Congress, *Federal Funding for Biomedical & Related Life Sciences Research, FY 2011*. “This report represents the consensus view of our 23 member societies, comprising well over 90,000 scientists and engineers, working at the laboratory bench and in the medical clinic,” said Mark O. Lively, Ph.D., FASEB President. “Fiscal year 2011 is a critical year for science. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act funds, which expire this year, reminded us of the phenomenal creativity of the scientific community and the exciting, new ideas ready to be tried. Our goal is to sustain that excitement, maximize the return of those investments, and continue the innovative pipeline of medical and technological advancements that federal science agencies have always fostered.” Below are the recommendations for the five agencies described in the report.

**National Institutes of Health (NIH)**

In order to fulfill the extraordinary scientific and medical promise of biomedical research, FASEB urges Congress to make the National Institutes of Health a priority and recommends that NIH receive \$37 billion in FY2011.

**National Science Foundations (NSF)**

FASEB recommends an appropriation of \$7.68 billion for the National Science Foundation in FY2011.

**Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)**

FASEB recommends funding the VA Medical and Prosthetics Research Program at the \$1 billion level in FY2011, including \$700 million for research and \$300 million for infrastructure.

**Department of Energy (DOE), Office of Science**

In keeping with President Obama’s vision for doubling the DOE Office of Science budget, FASEB recommends an appropriation of \$5.24 billion in FY2011.

**United States Department of Agriculture (USDA), Agriculture and Food Research Initiative**

FASEB Supports funding the USDA’s Agriculture and Food Research Initiative (AFRI) at \$500 million in FY2011.

The annual report will be distributed to federal lawmakers, health-research officials in the administration, and the research community. It will serve as the basis for FASEB’s research funding advocacy efforts for the next fiscal year. For a print copy of the report, call (301) 634-7650 and one will be mailed to you as soon as final copies are available. A pre-publication copy of the report is also available online at: <http://www.faseb.org/Policy-and-Government-Affairs/Publications.aspx>.

*FASEB is composed of 23 societies with more than 90,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. Our mission is to advance health and welfare by promoting progress and education in biological and biomedical sciences through service to our member societies and collaborative advocacy.*