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## **FASEB ADVOCATES FOR INCLUSION OF NIH AND NSF IN ECONOMIC RECOVERY BILL**

*Bethesda, MD* – “We strongly believe that there is a compelling case to be made for including the National Institutes of Health, National Science Foundation and the Veterans Affairs medical and prosthetics research program in an economic recovery package,” said Richard Marchase, Ph.D., President of the Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB). “Research funding does more than just sow the seeds of knowledge from which long-term economic progress grows. Investment in science through the stimulus bill will immediately create new jobs and prevent job losses for researchers, technicians, and thousands of others who provide equipment, supplies, and services to laboratories in all 50 states.”

Recent reports have shown NIH is a significant economic contributor, creating more than 350,000 jobs nationwide and returning \$2.21 million in new business activity for every \$1 million invested. Marchase explained that FASEB is taking this message to Capitol Hill, making sure that policymakers understand that stimulus funds for NIH, NSF, and VA could be rapidly deployed to grants, instrumentation, and improvements in research facilities and infrastructure. “Science agencies like NIH have a backlog of peer-reviewed, meritorious grants that they could get out to labs all over the country in a matter of weeks,” he said. “We are meeting with lawmakers, sending letters to Congressional leaders, running ads, and recruiting scientists across the nation to compose OpEds. We want to ensure that Congress understands that investment in science is a wise choice for both stimulating the economy in the short-term and as a long-term economic driver.”

“We look forward to working with our champions and leaders in Congress, such as House Speaker Pelosi, Chairman David Obey, and Senators Arlen Specter and Tom Harkin,” Marchase concluded. “Together, I believe we can fulfill the needs and hopes of the American people through immediate and sustained investment in research.”

*FASEB is composed of 22 societies with more than 80,000 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 its member societies and collaborative advocacy.*