FASEB MAKES FINAL PUSH FOR BIOMEDICAL RESEARCH IN THE 2008 ELECTIONS; UNVEILS “PRE-ELECTION ROUNDPUP” OF NEWS AND RESOURCES

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has compiled a “Pre-Election Roundup” of news and web links concerning science and the 2008 elections. The webpage is part of FASEB’s ongoing efforts to raise the profile of biomedical research in the 2008 elections through ScienceCures.org, a web-based voter engagement initiative.

The “Pre-Election Roundup” features resources for scientists and the public who want to learn more about the candidates’ positions on science issues, and describes FASEB’s election-related activities, as well as other election-year efforts in the science advocacy community. The page also includes an extensive review of recent local and national news items covering science and the elections.

In the weeks leading up to the November 4th election, FASEB will continue to update the site with items on the elections as well as the subsequent Presidential transition and new Congress. FASEB created this compilation as a resource for biomedical scientists and others who want to stay updated and engaged on issues related to science, the election, and the new Administration.

FASEB is also co-sponsoring the Innovation and the Elections 2008 Congressional questionnaire, and encouraging scientists to contact their candidates for Congress to ask them to respond to questions on science and technology policy.

The “Pre-Election Roundup,” as well as information on FASEB’s other ScienceCures initiatives, is available at: www.ScienceCures.org.

FASEB is composed of 21 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.