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*"Computer science is largely concerned with an understanding of how low-level details make it possible to achieve high-level goals."*

*-Don Knuth, Turing Award Winner.*



## NIST MISSION

To promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness by advancing

- measurement science,
- standards, and
- technology
- in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life



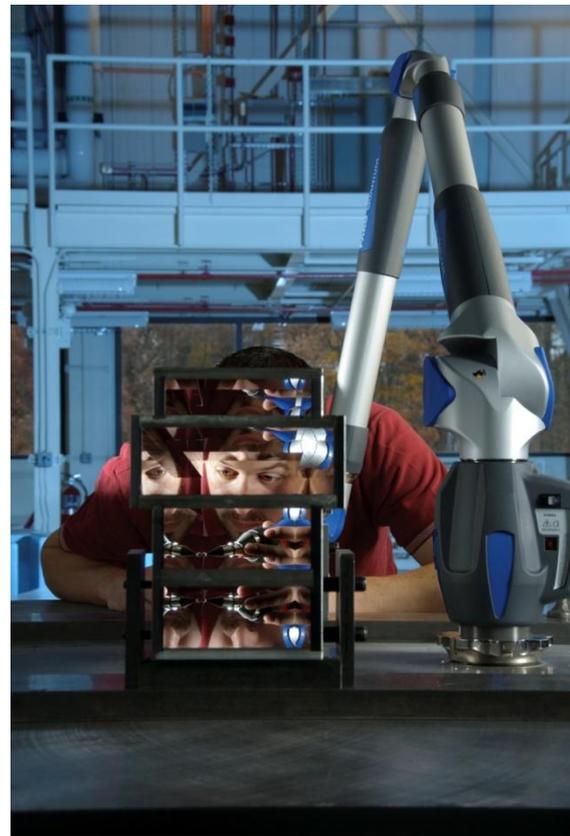
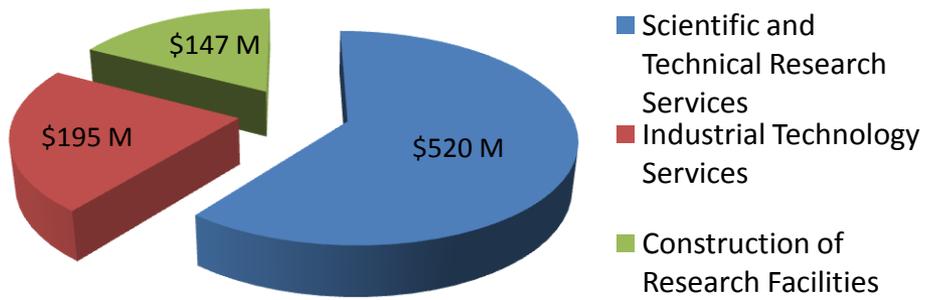


# NIST: Basic Stats and Facts

## Major asset

- ~ 2800 federal employees
- ~ 2600 associates and facilities users/year
- ~ 1600 field staff in partner organizations (Manufacturing Extension Partnership)
- Two main locations, MD and CO
- Four collaborative Institutes (basic physics, biotech, quantum, marine)

## FY 2010 Appropriations \$862 M



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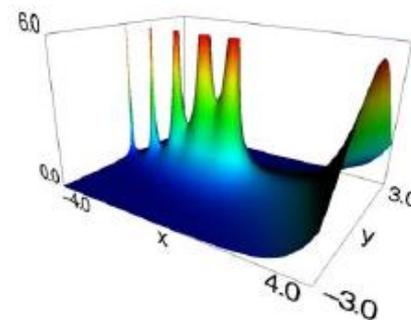
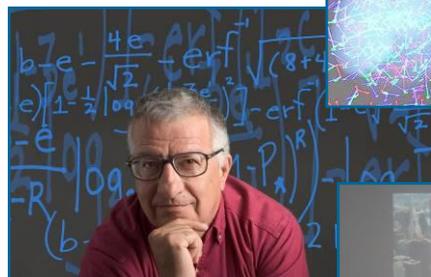
## ITL Mission

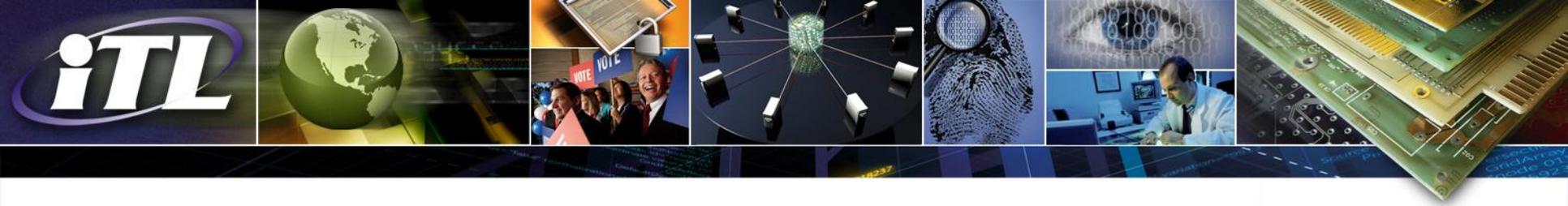
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*measurement science,  
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technology*

through research and development in

*information technology,  
mathematics, and  
statistics.*





## ITL Strategic Goals

- Accelerate, through standards, tests and metrics, the development, deployment and use of secure, usable, interoperable and reliable information systems that make American businesses more innovative and more competitive.
- Enable world-class measurement and testing through research innovations in the areas of computer science and systems engineering, mathematics and statistics.



## Strategic/Exploratory

- Complex Systems
- Pervasive IT
- Virtual Measurements
- Shape Metrology

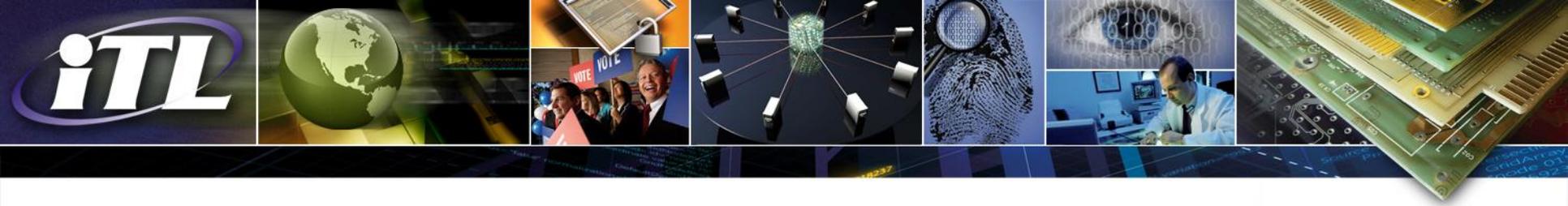
## National Priorities in Information Technology

- Cloud Computing
- Health IT
- Identity Management
- National Initiative for Cybersecurity Education
- National Strategy for Trusted Identities in Cyberspace—National Program Office
- Security Automation
- Supply Chain—Cyber
- Voting Standards



## National Priorities with Critical IT Aspects

- Biosciences And Bioimaging
- Cyber Physical Systems
- Forensics
- Greenhouse Gas Measurement
- Optical Medical Imaging
- Public Safety Communications
- Quantum Information
- Smart Grid
- Trusted Networking (Ipv6, DNSsec)



## Emerging Growth Areas

- FY2012 Initiatives ([http://www.nist.gov/public\\_affairs/releases/budget\\_2012.cfm](http://www.nist.gov/public_affairs/releases/budget_2012.cfm))
  - Ensuring a Secure and Robust Cyber Infrastructure
    - NICE
    - NSTIC
    - Scalable Cybersecurity for Emerging Technologies and Threats
  - Interoperability Standards for Emerging Technologies
    - Cloud Computing
    - Health IT
    - Smart Grid
  - Advanced Materials for Industry
    - IT Aspects of Advanced Materials for Industry
  - Public Safety Innovation Fund: Research to Revolutionize Public Safety Communications
    - Public Safety Broadband Network
- Other Strategic Opportunities
  - Cybersecurity Center of Excellence
  - **Data/Information/Knowledge (Ontologies, Analysis, Visualization, etc.)**
  - Materials by Design
  - Broadband Interoperability
  - Risk: Measurement and Management
  - Technology Mediated Social Participation