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The end of the Cold War, growing concern about federal budget deficits, and renewed debate about the appropriate role of government are challenging established views regarding the nature and scope of science and technology policy.

Facing the Challenge: Renewing Science and Technology Partnerships, the first in a series of conferences planned to explore the issues and opportunities associated with institutional roles, relationships, and resources in science and technology partnerships, will be held at the University of California, San Diego Aug. 24.

Conference participants will include science and technology leaders from federal research agencies, high technology industries, research universities, and state and local governments. Participants in the San Diego conference will include: Mary Good, Under Secretary of Commerce for Technology; Kent Hughes, Associate Deputy Secretary of Commerce; Richard Thornburgh, co-chairman of the State-Federal Technology Task Force and former governor of Pennsylvania; Representative George Brown, ranking minority member of the House Science and Technology Committee; and Chris Holben, deputy secretary of the California Trade & Commerce Agency.

"The strength of our commitment to science and technology partnerships among government, industry, and academia will determine the success of our country's economic future," said Good. "In this new era of global competition, we need a research environment in which emerging technologies can develop and spin off new industries in a competitive time frame, and new enabling technologies can be rapidly assimilated by American industry."

The conference, which will include several presentations and break-out discussion sessions, will be held from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. at UCSD's Center for Magnetic Recording Research. Topics will include: the importance of public/private partnerships in innovation and economic growth for California and the nation; the roles of government, industry, and universities in science and technology partnerships; the health care technology and information technology industries in San Diego; and issues involving intellectual property, education, and training, that affect science and technology partnerships.

"The vitality of America's research enterprise is critical to our nation's growth, public health and national security," said Richard C. Atkinson, chancellor of UCSD. "This conference will explore the critical issues and opportunities associated with changing institutional roles, relationships, and resources in science and technology partnerships."

The conference is being sponsored by: the White House Office of Science and Technology; the U.S. Department of Commerce's Office of Technology Policy; the University of California; the California Council on

Science and Technology; the California Institute; the California Health care Institute; the San Diego Technology Council; the San Diego Regional Technology Alliance; and the San Diego Economic Development Council. Co-chairs for the event include: Richard C. Atkinson, UCSD chancellor; Mike Armstrong, CEO, Hughes Electronics; Thomas Everhart, president, California Institute of Technology; Irwin Jacobs, CEO, Qualcomm, Inc.; Bruce Tarter, director, Lawrence Livermore Laboratory; and Chang- Lin Tien, chancellor of UC Berkeley.

editor's Note: Members of the news media are invited to attend the conference. News media are also invited to participate in the question and answer period (immediately following the morning session from 11:30 a.m.-12 noon). For more information about the agenda or the conference participants please contact Dolores Davies @ (619) 534-5994/e-mail: ddavies@ucsd. edu.

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