

TALKING POINTS

Funding for mathematics and science research and education is essential to building the nation's capacity to innovate, which in turn supports economic well-being and national security.

The FY 2011 Budget Request for NSF is \$7.424 billion, including \$253.46 million for the Division of Mathematical Sciences. The House Committee on Commerce, Justice, Science and Related Agencies (CJS) has voted for an NSF budget level of \$7.424, the same level as the Request. The Senate Appropriations Committee has approved an NSF budget of \$7.353 billion, \$71 million below the House CJS and Request level. (The House and Senate must pass their respective bills before a compromise bill can be passed and sent to the President.)

THE "ASK"

Ask your Members of Congress to **"support funding the FY 2011 NSF Budget at \$7.424 billion, the House CJS and Budget Request level."**

Always explain why federal support for research and education is important in terms of your locale. Give examples of how it has helped your community, the state.