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## **The Science Coalition Lauds the President's Commitment to Funding Research & Innovation in the FY11 Budget**

February 2, 2010 – “The Science Coalition applauds President Obama for including strong funding for basic research in his proposed FY11 budget,” said Deborah Altenburg of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute and President of The Science Coalition. “This budget demonstrates the President’s support, commitment and farsighted approach to maintaining America’s leadership in science and innovation.”

University basic research sparks discovery that leads to innovation and development of new technologies, new industries, new companies and new jobs. Now more than ever the United States needs to be investing in the basic research that will contribute to the nation’s long-term economic growth and prosperity.

“Congressional leaders have shown similar support for science,” said Altenburg. “The members of The Science Coalition stand ready to work with them to help ensure America’s continued global competitiveness through robust and sustained funding for basic research and innovation.”

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The Science Coalition is a non-profit, nonpartisan organization representing 45 of the nation’s leading public and private research universities. It is dedicated to sustaining the federal government’s investment in basic research as a means to stimulate the economy, drive innovation and secure America’s global competitiveness.

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