

to the

Metallurgy Division

and the

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INIST is part of the Department of Commerce



NIST Snapshot

- 2,800 employees; 1,500 technical
- 1,000 associates
- \$670 million FY 2007 budget
- NIST Laboratories National measurement standards
- Manufacturing Extension Partnership — 350 locations nationwide to help small manufacturers
- Baldrige National Quality Award
- Technology Innovation Program authorized FY07 (replace ATP)



MSEL

To promote U.S. innovation and industrial competitiveness

by advancing

measurement science measurement standards measurement technology

in ways that enhance economic security and improve our quality of life.

NIST Products and Services Include

Measurement Research

2,200 publications/year

Standard Reference Data

100 types available 130 million datasets downloaded/year

Standard Reference Materials

1,300 products available 33,000 units sold/year

- Calibrations and Tests 16,000 calibrations/year
- Laboratory Accreditation 800 accreditations
- Technical Workshops

8,000 participants/year

Standards Committees

400 members, 1000 committees, 150 (co)chairs, 100 SDOs



Core Program - The NIST Laboratories



Materials Science and Engineering Laboratory (MSEL)



Ceramics



D.L. Kaiser, Chief Electronic & Optoelectronic **Materials Characterization Methods** Data and Standards Technology

Nanomechanical Properties

Combinatorial Methods

NIST History

- Founded in 1901 as National Bureau of Standards (NBS)
- NBS became NIST in 1988



Article I, Section 8: The Congress shall have the power to ... coin money, regulate the value thereof, and of foreign coin, and fix the standard of weights and measures

- Non-regulatory agency within U.S. Department of Commerce
- U.S. National Metrology Institute



Early drivers for standards and measurements



1904

Out-of-town fire companies arriving at a Baltimore fire cannot couple their hoses to the hydrants. 1526 buildings razed.

1**905**

Standard samples program begins with standardized irons.





1912

<u>41,578 train derailments</u> in the previous decade lead to NBS measurement and test program.