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## **AIMBE APPLAUDS THE ADMINISTRATION, CONGRESS AND THE WHITE HOUSE ON SCIENCE FUNDING MEASURE**

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**Washington, D.C.** – The American Institute for Medical and Biological Engineering (AIMBE) applauds the efforts of the Congress and the President to take swift action in the passage this morning of the \$162 billion supplemental package. The package, of which a majority of the funding is aimed at the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan and provided services for troops, also included increases in several key science agencies within the government.

The bill had strong support in both the House and the Senate, and includes \$400 million in science funding. Specifically the bill adds \$150M to the National Institutes of Health (to be distributed pro-rata across the Centers and Institutes), \$62.5M for the Department of Energy's Science program and \$62.5M for the National Science Foundation. The president is expected to sign this bill into law.

“AIMBE and its members should be pleased to see actions being taken to provide increases in science and engineering research within the government,” said AIMBE President Dr. John Watson. Dr. Watson added, “While this increase will go a long way towards helping to fund important basic research, it’s important to realize this is only a temporary fix. The Administration must do more to correct the nation’s civilian research and development capabilities. We look forward to the time when Congress and the President meet the financial commitments necessary to keeping American the global leader for scientific discovery and innovation.”

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