Sustainable and Scalable Nanomanufacturing a Key Focus of 2012 Summit in Boston

On the eve of next week's Nanomanufacturing Summit and 11th Annual NanoBusiness Conference in Boston, I'd like to take pause and reflect upon the synergistic events and interactions that have been taking place over the past several years positioning us for the nanomanufacturing revolution. While nanomanufacturing has often been a misunderstood topic or discipline within the broader topic of nanotechnology, it has gained substantial attention in recent years. Most notable has been the PCAST report on the assessment of the National Nanotechnology Initiative (NNI) in 2010, providing key recommendations for future directions in which it cited the need for increased funding and emphasis on nanomanufacturing, commercialization, and effective technology transfer. Soon thereafter, the NNI Signature Initiative on Sustainable Nanomanufacturing was announced. The goal of this interagency initiative is to establish manufacturing technologies for economical and sustainable integration of nanoscale building blocks into complex, large-scale systems. More....

Regards,
Jeff Morse, Managing Director,
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Learn More about the California in the Nano Economy
California in the Nano Economy is a new website being launched this September as a resource for the nanotechnology community. The site uses a value chain approach to present California's footprint in nanotechnology including its existing and potential capabilities and resources along the entire chain from nanoscale materials through final products. The site was developed by the Center on Globalization, Governance, & Competitiveness (CGGC) at Duke University with support from the NSF Center for Nanotechnology in Society (CNS) at the University of California, Santa Barbara.

The purpose of the site is two-fold. The primary focus is to provide a new type of educational resource to enable understanding of the 'nano economy' by using the perspective of the value chain. The approach is illustrated using data for California, and as a result, the site also provides a secondary benefit as a valuable resource for industry in California.

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Microchips are pervasive in today's high-tech society, playing integral roles in the inner workings of your cell phone to your Keurig coffee machine.

A processing technology called CMOS, or complementary metal-oxide-semiconductor, made microchips economically feasible in the 1980s, said Sivasubramanian Somu, a research scientist in Northeastern's Center for High-rate Nanomanufacturing.

A critical element in any microchip is something called an inverter - an electronic component that spits out zeros when you give it ones, and vice versa. "A transistor [the basic element in an inverter] is a simple, extremely fast switch," Somu explained. "You can turn it on and off by electric signals."

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**NanoBusiness Announces Top 2012 Nanotech Innovators**

Today we announce the Top Nanotech Innovators of 2012. We will be discussing this list in depth at our 11th Annual NanoBusiness / Nanomanufacturing Summit September 4-6th at the Seaport World Trade Center in Boston, MA. This discussion will be part of our program on Thursday, September 6th at 3:PM. Registration is still open.

This list was created to recognize those companies that are using nanotech to create novel and, in some cases, game-changing technologies. Nanotech is enabling more powerful computer
chips, microprocessors, flash memory, and computing devices such as quantum computers, broadband communications systems, solid-state lighting for general illumination, high-performance materials and coatings for transportation, aerospace and various consumer products, synthetic biofuels, nutraceuticals, high-density batteries for transportation and the grid, and targeted-delivery therapeutics for cancer and other life-threatening diseases. As companies continue to innovate at ever-smaller scales, the years ahead promise to be a time of accelerating nanotech commercialization in the global economy.

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