

FACT SHEET

National Math and Science Initiative (NMSI)

www.nationalmathandscience.org

WHAT?

NMSI is a major new nonprofit designed to help America maintain its global leadership position in technological innovation.

WHY?

The United States is losing its edge in technology, which is key to our economic stability, according to a 2005 report called "Rising Above the Gathering Storm" from the National Academy of Sciences. Students in other countries were performing better in math and science, and they were pursuing careers in these fields in far greater numbers.

"Rising Above the Gathering Storm" may be downloaded from www.nationalmathandscience.org.

HOW?

NMSI has identified two programs that have been shown to boost math and science education, and those programs are being expanded nationwide. One expands training and incentive programs for Advanced Placement programs, and the second encourages math and science majors to enter the teaching profession.

WHERE?

NMSI is in the process of announcing Advanced Placement program grants for seven states. So far, Virginia, Arkansas, Kentucky, Connecticut and Alabama have received awards. Each grant is worth up to \$13.2 million over six years.

WHO?

The list of NMSI donors includes:

- Exxon Mobil Corp., which has committed \$125 million.
- Bill and Melinda Gates Foundation.
- Michael & Susan Dell Foundation.