UCAR Members Meeting
Public Policy Briefing

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Congressional Budget Update

- NSF – research vs. USCG; education cuts
- NOAA - $1 billion swing; Ocean Commission funding
- NASA – M/M vs. science and aeronautics
- DOE Science – comparative bright spot?
- USGS – at $1 billion, holding its own
- DHS – White House priority
Legislative Update

- NOAA Organic Act – stalled
- Possible NWS Authorization bill
- Climate Change Research – Barton Committee, Senate Energy Committee
- Energy bill signed – authorizes increases for DOE science
- High End Computing bill
Other Issues

- Life in the CJS Subcommittee
- NSF – Cyberinfrastructure, MREFC new starts, & Education
- NASA – Shoes to keep on dropping
- Research Administration – NSF success rates
- Personnel Changes – Exec Branch and Hill
- NOAA NWS Pub-Private Sector Policy
- NOAA Response to RRT Report
Impact of Katrina-Rita

- NSF Response
- NOAA Response
- Supplemental Appropriations - $60B & up
- Reconciliation Process side tracked
- Deficit will soar
- Operation Offset – not so fast
- CR’s until Thanksgiving - & beyond
- Budget doldrums continue
FY 2007 and Beyond

- OMB and OSTP issued R&D priorities memo in July with the following interagency priorities:
  - Homeland security R&D
  - High end computing and networking R&D
  - Nanotechnology
  - Physical Sciences
  - Complex biological systems
  - Energy and Environment – observing systems, climate change S&T, ocean commission
More on FY 2007 and beyond

- Innovation issue picking up steam
- Wolf Letter – triple Fed R&D Budget
- Ensign-Lieberman Innovation bill
- Innovation Summit for Dec 6th w/ CEO’s
- High Level Meetings with key WH officials
- Derailed by Katrina-led concern for deficit?
Now What Happens

- Keep the faith and making the case
- Develop a compelling and consistent message
- Build and refurbish working relationships decision makers
- Create alliances with like-minded groups
- Something has to give.
- Innovation issue brings industry into the process
- There are too many smart people worried about the future of this country