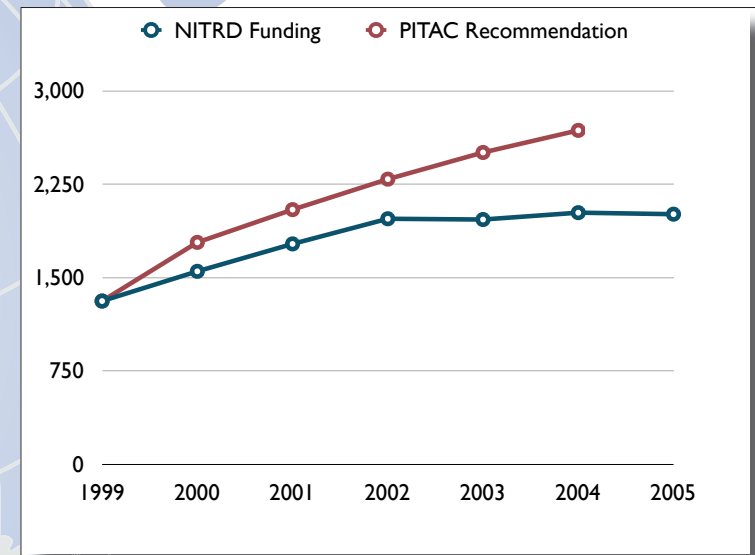


Issue: Information Technology R&D Funding

Position: CRA is pleased to see that information technology research and development continues to remain a priority in the President's budget request and in Congress. However, the President's budget proposal still falls well short of the funding levels recommended by the President's Information Technology Advisory Committee (PITAC). For FY 2005, CRA supports the PITAC recommendation of \$2.68 billion for the Networking and Information Technology Research and Development Program, including a 15% increase for the National Science Foundation.

- **IT R&D enables the new economy: about two-thirds of the 80 percent gain in economic productivity since 1995 can be attributed to advancing information technology.**
- **Nearly every aspect of information technology upon which we rely today traces its roots to federally-sponsored, university-based research.**
- **IT has changed the conduct of research, enabling scientific discovery across every scientific discipline -- from mapping the human brain to modeling climatic change.**
- **The opportunities for future advances in information technology research are enormous -- in fact, the opportunities are even greater today than they have been in the past.**



“IT drove the U.S. productivity revival [from 1995-2000].”

- Harvard Economist Dale Jorgenson

“Information Technology has been the distinguishing feature of this pivotal period in American economic history.”

- Federal Reserve Board Chairman Alan Greenspan

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