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FASEB RELEASES FY2009 FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS FOR SCIENCE AGENCIES

Bethesda, MD – The Federation of American Societies for Experimental Biology (FASEB) has released its annual report to Congress, *Federal Funding for Biomedical & Related Life Sciences Research, FY 2009*. “Today we present, based on our expertise as scientists, what is necessary to reinvigorate and sustain our nation’s extraordinary research enterprise,” stated Robert E. Palazzo, Ph.D., FASEB President. “FASEB’s strength lies in the dedication, diversity, and knowledge of our membership and through this report we are delivering a clarion call about the importance of research to our nation and the world.” Below are the recommendations for the six agencies described in the report.

National Institutes of Health (NIH)

In order to fulfill the extraordinary scientific and medical promise of biomedical research, FASEB urges Congress to make the National Institutes of Health a priority and respectfully requests that NIH receive \$ 31.2 billion in FY 2009.

National Science Foundations (NSF)

In keeping with the America COMPETES Act of 2007, FASEB recommends an appropriation of \$7.33 billion for the National Science Foundation in FY 2009.

Department of Energy (DOE)

In keeping with the America COMPETES Act of 2007, FASEB recommends an appropriation of \$4.8 billion for the DOE’s Office of Science in FY 2009.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA)

FASEB recommends funding the VA Medical and Prosthetics Research Program at the \$555 million level in FY 2009 with an additional \$45 million for VA laboratory space renovation.

United States Department of Agriculture (USDA)

FASEB supports funding the USDA’s National Research Initiative Competitive Grants Program in FY 2009 at the \$257 million level recommended in the President’s 2008 budget and the Agricultural Research Service at \$1.377 billion.

National Aeronautics and Space Agency (NASA)

FASEB recommends that Congress increase funding for Life Sciences Research (Ground Research, Ground Facilities, and Flight Research) to \$39.65 million.

The annual report will be distributed to federal lawmakers, health-research officials in the administration, and the research community. It will serve as the basis for FASEB’s research funding advocacy efforts for the next fiscal year. For a print copy of the report, call (301) 634-7650 and one will be mailed to you as soon as final copies are available. A pre-publication copy of the report is also available online at:

<http://opa.faseb.org/pdf/2008/FedFund09.pdf>

FASEB is composed of 21 societies with more than 80,000 members, making it the largest coalition of biomedical research associations in the United States. FASEB enhances the ability of biomedical and life scientists to improve—through their research—the health, well-being and productivity of all people. FASEB’s mission is to

advance biological science through collaborative advocacy for research policies that promote scientific progress and education and lead to improvements in human health.