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## WORKSHOP ANNOUNCEMENT

### **WORKSHOP TO IDENTIFY RESEARCH NEEDS AND GAPS IN KNOWLEDGE OF BIOLOGICAL EFFECTS AND ADVERSE HEALTH OUTCOMES FROM EXPOSURE TO RADIOFREQUENCY RADIATION FROM WIRELESS COMMUNICATION DEVICES**

The National Academies, in response to a request from the FDA, will plan and conduct a workshop to identify and discuss gaps in knowledge of biological effects and adverse health outcomes of exposure to radiofrequency energy from wireless communications devices and identify future research needs indicated by those deficiencies.

This study will be carried out in two phases: In the first phase, a panel of experts appointed by the National Academies will evaluate the issues and identify national and international experts that will be invited to present and discuss the current state of knowledge about biological and health effects associated with exposure to RF radiation at a subsequent workshop. The second phase of the study will consist of the workshop itself, comprised of national and international experts whose presentations and discussions will be open to interested parties and the public. Following the workshop, the National Academies will issue a report that draws on the presentations and discussions at the workshop to identify current gaps in knowledge and future research needed to address those gaps. The report will also provide the committee's consensus findings on near-, mid-, and long-term research opportunities.

The planning meeting is tentatively scheduled for late May or early June, 2007, and the proposed 2 and ½ day workshop is tentatively scheduled for the first week in August, 2007, at the National Academies' KECK building in Washington, DC.

For general workshop information and agenda please contact Shaunteé Whetstone, Program Assistant, at the Nuclear and Radiation Studies Board (202-334-3066; [swhetstone@nas.edu](mailto:swhetstone@nas.edu)). Technical information about the proposed workshop can be obtained by contacting Dr. Rick Jostes at the Nuclear and Radiation Studies Board (202-334-3066; [rjostes@nas.edu](mailto:rjostes@nas.edu)).