

PROPOSED POLICY POSITION

URGING THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY AND CONGRESS TO
PROCEED QUICKLY IN AUTHORIZING FUNDING AND CONSTRUCTION
OF THE SUPERCONDUCTING SUPER COLLIDER

Background

Development of a Superconducting Super Collider proton accelerator in the United States will enable scientists to explore the basic structure of matter and energy at levels and speeds which have previously been unattainable. The Superconducting Super Collider is critical to the ability of the United States to compete with research facilities in Europe and the Soviet Union.

Research has already provided valuable data that will enrich the fields of energy, education, physics, business, medicine, and government. The Administration announced its support for building Superconducting Super Collider in 1987, and the Secretary of Energy has commenced a fair and equitable site selection process to determine several equally acceptable sites;

Recommendation

The Southern Legislative Conference urges the U.S. Department of Energy and Congress to proceed quickly in authorizing and appropriating the necessary funds for research and construction of the Superconducting Super Collider.

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