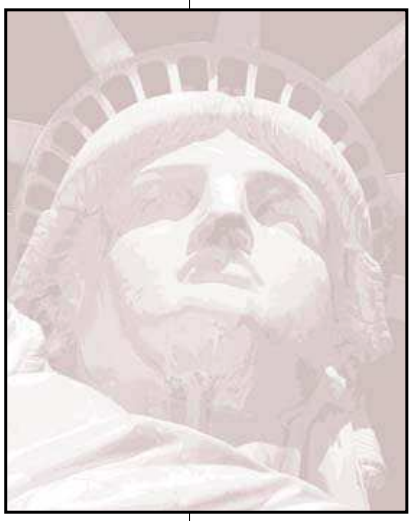
CBC PRIZE FOR PUBLIC SERVICE INNOVATION AWARDED IN 2010 TO THE NEW YORK STATE CENTER OF EXCELLENCE IN NANOELECTRONICS AND NANOTECHNOLOGY

The winner of the 2010 Citizens Budget Commission Prize for Public Service Innovation is the New York State Center of Excellence in Nanoelectronics and Nanotechnology (CENN) at the College of Nanoscale Science and Engineering (CNSE) of the University at Albany—State University of New York. The CENN was selected for creating a world-class alliance that has moved New York to the forefront of its field and set a new standard for economic development in the state.



The CBC Prize, created in 1997, recognizes and promotes successful innovations in the delivery of public services by New York City or State governments. Awarded annually, the Prize celebrates creative thinking and shares government achievements with the public and other agencies. In alternating years, it is awarded either to a New York State or a New York City agency. Each year the winner is selected from nominations requested from more than 150 government officials. The nominations are reviewed by CBC staff and a committee composed of CBC Trustees, and that committee of Trustees—co-chaired this year by Avery Byrd and Alan Klein—makes the selection.

The CENN has created an extraordinary combination of intellectual assets, technological infrastructure, and private-sector engagement that forms a unique "innovation ecosystem," supporting nanoscale education, research, development and commercialization. With anchor partners that include New York State, IBM, and CNSE, the CENN is housed at CNSE's Albany NanoTech Complex, an 800,000-square-foot megaplex with more than $5 billion in high-tech investments—including more than $4.5 billion in private investments.

The economic impact of this globally recognized public-private collaboration is extraordinary. High-tech employment of scientists, researchers, engineers, faculty and students working on site at the Albany NanoTech Complex has grown from 72 at the time of the CENN's formation in 2001 to more than 2,500 today. Similarly, the list of leading global nanoelectronics companies engaged in partnerships at CNSE has increased to more than 250, including IBM, AMD, Global Foundries, SEMATECH, ASML, Applied Materials, and Tokyo Electron, among a host of major international industrial players.