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**ACGNC APPLAUDS PRESIDENT BUSH'S CALL TO CONGRESS TO ACT ON
NUCLEAR INITIATIVES;
ENOURAGES GREATER U.S. ROLE AS LEADER IN NUCLEAR ENERGY**

Washington, D.C. — The American Council on Global Nuclear Competitiveness (ACGNC) today applauds President Bush for his continued commitment to strengthen America's energy security through the use of safe, environmentally friendly nuclear power.

“Congress has an opportunity to act to increase the energy security of our nation by approving the President's budget for nuclear energy initiatives,” said Scott Campbell, Council president. “The United States is on the verge of a nuclear renaissance and the Council believes it is essential for our country to take the lead in moving the nuclear energy industry forward to ensure U.S. energy security and improve American economic competitiveness.”

With the recent renewed global interest in alternative energy resources, the Council urges Congress and the American public to embrace nuclear energy as a viable solution in addressing the U.S. domestic energy supply and diminishing the effects of climate change. The use of advanced reactors across the globe will not only significantly reduce greenhouse gas emissions but also provide the energy needed to pull entire nations out of poverty, a step that is vital in the global war on terror.

Increased nuclear development can be translated into billions of dollars of revenue and more than 1 million jobs for U.S. designers, manufacturers and suppliers. Through spearheading industry-wide research and development efforts such as promoting advanced, recyclable technologies, the Council believes the United States can reclaim its role as the principal global nuclear energy supplier and innovator.

“We support the vision embodied in the Advanced Energy Initiative and the Global Nuclear Energy Partnership, which supports a role for nuclear energy in the future of U.S. energy production,” Campbell said. “We look forward to building a bipartisan consensus to ensure the implementation of these vital policies across administrations.”

The Council will continue to work with key decision makers in the public and private sectors to encourage greater support of these efforts and help to restore U.S. nuclear energy preeminence.

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Formed in 2005, the American Council on Global Nuclear Competitiveness is a 501(c)(3) nonprofit organization that seeks the return of American nuclear leadership through the emergence of a United States-led global nuclear enterprise. The Council educates key audiences on the policies and technologies of an American nuclear renaissance and summons public and private sector leadership to organize and promote such a transformation. For more information, visit www.nuclearcompetitiveness.org.