

U.S. President Barack Obama is requesting \$80 mil-lion in new funds for an effort to boost science, technology, engineering and math educa-tion in U.S. schools.

The White House an-nounced the initiative Tues-day as President Obama host-ed the second White House Science Fair. He credited the young participants in the fair with "getting America in shape to win the future."

"You're making sure we have the best, smartest, most skilled workers in the world, so that the jobs and industries of tomorrow take root right here. You're making sure we'll always be home to the most creative entrepreneurs, the most advanced science labs and universities. You're making sure America will win the race to the future."

Mr. Obama has touted science and math education as key to the nation's eco-nomic strength and competi-tiveness.

His initiative aims to pre-pare 100,000 new teachers to train one million more Amer-ican graduates in science, technology, engineering and math during the next decade.

The \$80 million invest-ment is being included in the president's proposed budget for fiscal year 2013 that he will submit to Congress on February 13.

Obama Promotes Investment in Math, Science Education

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In addition to the gov-ernment's efforts, President Obama said a group of busi-nesses and foundations is an-nouncing a \$22 million fund to help train new science and math teachers.{jcomments on}

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