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## ALLARD SAYS FORT COLLINS CDC LAB PART OF BIOTERRORISM BILL SIGNED BY BUSH \$74 MILLION AUTHORIZED FOR NEW LAB IN LEGISLATION

Washington, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) said that \$74 million has been authorized for a new Centers for Disease Control (CDC) laboratory for Fort Collins in the \$4.6 billion Bioterrorism Bill signed into law by President Bush on Wednesday. Senator Allard and Colorado Fourth District U.S. Representative Bob Schaffer worked together to ensure the new lab was included in the bioterrorism legislation.

“Today’s action by President Bush ensures we now have the congressional authorization to obtain the \$74 million we will need to construct a new CDC lab in Fort Collins,” Allard said. “All of the pieces are in place to allow us to get this important project funded this year by Congress.”

Allard and Schaffer made replacing the current CDC facility located in Fort Collins a top priority after the September 11<sup>th</sup> terrorist attack, when numerous security concerns were raised by state and federal officials. The Fort Collins facility is CDC’s only lab outside of Atlanta, Georgia.

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