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## **SENATOR ALLARD ANNOUNCES \$44.4 MILLION IN FUNDING FOR FORT COLLINS CDC LABORATORY**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – U.S. Senator Wayne Allard (R-CO) on Tuesday announced that the Senate Appropriations Committee has approved \$44.4 million in FY 2005 funds to complete construction of the Centers for Disease Control's (CDC) Vector Borne Infectious Diseases Laboratory in Fort Collins.

“The CDC is playing an increasingly vital role in defending our country as the nation strengthens its defenses against terrorism,” said Senator Allard. “I am pleased that my colleagues on the Appropriations Committee have fully funded this project.”

“The laboratory in Fort Collins will be one of only three labs around the country that researches vector-borne diseases like West Nile virus, dengue and encephalitis,” Senator Allard said. “These diseases can have a serious impact on humans and livestock, but even more alarmingly, they are also potential bioterrorism agents. This funding for the new CDC facility will be an important investment in our nation's health and security.”

Senator Allard has successfully worked with the Senate Appropriations Committee to secure more than \$37 million in funding for the Fort Collins CDC lab over the past three fiscal years.

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