Twenty-Five Years of Advanced Technological Education
Building a Skilled Technical Workforce


1991 Price re-introduces legislation; Maryland Senator Barbara Mikulski introduces a companion bill.

1993 • NSF plans Advanced Technological Education (ATE) program based on SATA.
• National Science Board approves ATE program.
• Formal announcement appears in Federal Register in August.
• Preliminary proposals and planning grants are due in November.

October 1992 Congress passes Scientific and Advanced Technology Act; Public Law 102-476, known as SATA. President George H.W. Bush signs it on October 23.

October 27, 1994 The American Association of Community Colleges convenes first ATE Principal Investigators Conference.

From 1993 to 2018 the ATE program funded 1,294 projects and 61 centers. 715 institutions received direct funding – some for a single project, center, or research grant while others had multiple awards, sometimes beginning with a relatively modest planning grant.

Sources: ATE Central, EvalsTE, and the National Science Foundation