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launched the first national nanotechnology initiative in 2000. In 2006, global public investment in nanotechnology was estimated to be \$6.4 billion, with an additional \$6.0 billion provided by the private sector.
