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"Preserving Worldwide Nuclear Competency -Where Education, Institutional Knowledge and Industry Meet"

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Energy Workforce Challenge: The Need for People

Human Capital

- Aging workforce
- Shrinking pool of potential workers
- Fewer Sci/Eng students
- Foreign competition

Technological Sophistication

- Multiple generation sources; i.e. nuclear, renewable, fossil
- Reduce environmental impacts/carbon footprint
- Increasing application of sophisticated systems

Sustainability

- Long-range energy policies
- Consumer acceptance of various sources; i.e. nuclear, renewable, fossil





INL's workforce challenges are similar to those of industry: replace an aging workforce, retain trained technical staff, educate in-step with developing technology

What We Are Doing at INL – Priming the Pipeline

University Programs - A National Network

- Academic Centers of Excellence
- Faculty/Staff Exchange Program
- Student Fellowships/Internships

Pre-College/K-12 Programs – A Regional Network

- Modern educational materials/workshops
 - The Harnessed Atom (DOE-NE)
 - Think Energy Idaho (NEF)
- Student Opportunities
 - Scholastic Tournaments
 - Student Internships

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An academic and research institute

- Facilitate government, university and industry collaboration
 - Energy Research
 - Policy Conceptualization
 - Education & Training

Maximize the utilization of resources

- Expand researcher-to-researcher collaborations
- Improved access to research facilities & equipment
- Enhance student educational opportunities

Create a network of networks

• Universities, Industry, Laboratories

Bringing together resources, capabilities and expertise for energy self-reliance





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Advance Energy Research

Integrated research agenda

- Nuclear Energy
 - Advanced Fuel Cycle
 - Material Sciences
- Fossil Energy
 - Carbon Management
- Renewable Energy
 - Biofuels
- Energy/Environmental Policy
 - Energy/Water Nexus
 - Public Values/Dialogue

Enhanced technical collaboration

- Multi-organizational involvement
- Joint Appointments
 - Recruit/retain outstanding scientists
- Graduate students integrate universities & laboratory





Enhance Educational Opportunities

Establish a network of networks

- Academic Centers of Excellence
- Expand researcher-to-researcher collaborations
 - Idaho-Affiliated Universities
 - National University Consortium
 - World Nuclear University

Enhanced Educational Programs

- Enriched Curriculum
- Hands on practical work experience
 - Scholarships, Internships, etc.

Professional/Educational exchanges

- Visiting scientists, staff, faculty, students







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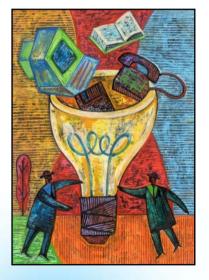




Economic Development Opportunities

- Create an atmosphere that fosters government-university-industry collaboration
- Economic Development
 - Industrial Partnerships, Consortia
 - Regional and State economic development
- Technology Transfer/Commercialization
 - Partnerships
 - Contract Research
 - Technical Assistance
 - Cooperative Research & Development (CRADA)
 - Patent process
 - Licensing





Bridging the Gap Between Research and Commercialization

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Closing Thoughts

To meet global energy demand we will need ALL available technologies and energy sources

• Secure, sustainable, affordable, environmentally sensitive

To prepare the next generation of energy experts

- Maximize the utilization of government, academic, and industrial resources
- Create premier user-facilities to promote collaboration
- Revitalize energy-related (S&E) education
 - Increase student enrollment/graduates (BS/MS/PhD)
 - Enhanced education with practical research experience
- Disseminate research results through seminar series, workshops, short courses, conferences and publications







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