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Dear East Bay Community Member:

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory is a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory managed by the University of California. Founded in 1931 by Ernest Orlando Lawrence, Berkeley Lab is the oldest of the America's Department of Energy's National Laboratories and one that continues to be defined by Lawrence's credo that the best science is team science.

With a budget approaching \$1 billion and with approximately 4,000 employees, Berkeley Lab is also the city's third largest employer and a huge innovation and economic engine for the East Bay and the State of California.

Indeed, while we tackle today's critical energy, environmental and health challenges with the same tenacity and teamwork as the Lab's founders, we are very much aware that we are your neighbors as well. And it is this spirit that we are always seeking better ways to build closer ties to the community that we serve and in which we live and work.

Part of being a good neighbor is listening. For that reason, I am happy to announce that Berkeley Lab is taking a first step toward establishing a community advisory group, which we foresee will provide advice, input and perspective to the Lab Director and senior management on issues related to, among others:

- Future Berkeley Lab site development and related capital projects
- Environmental management of the Berkeley Lab site
- Transportation planning for Berkeley Lab employees and guests

To that end, Berkeley Lab is seeking applications from individuals representing civic, business, education, environment, government, neighborhood, employee/labor and advocacy organizations. To be eligible, individuals must represent a 501(c) (3) organization registered with the state of California or a Berkeley neighborhood association recognized by the Berkeley Council of Neighborhood Associations AND be nominated by one of those groups to be a member of the committee.

Berkeley Lab envisions an advisory committee that will commence meeting in September or October. Meetings are proposed to run approximately 2-3 hours, once a month for the first year. Meeting frequency would be re-evaluated at the beginning of October 2011 with the possibility of moving to every other month. Applicants must commit to serve for a minimum of 2 years.

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All meetings will be closed to the general public and will be facilitated by an outside facilitator who is not a University of California employee. Ground rules and agendas will be established by the advisory committee. Berkeley Lab will be represented by senior management at every meeting.

Ideally, the committee will work to develop constructive approaches to meeting the mission-related needs of Berkeley Lab and the U.S. Department of Energy. The ideal advisory committee will represent both a breadth and depth of individuals and groups interested in or affected by decisions of the Berkeley Lab.

Those interested in applying for membership to the Berkeley Lab Community Advisory Group should send their nomination letters to the following email address: cag@lbl.gov. Please include the name of your organization, your title and contact information. Hard copy nomination letters on organization letterhead should be sent to: LBNL Community Advisory Group, One Cyclotron Road, MS: 65, Berkeley, CA 94720.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'A. Paul Alivisatos', with a stylized flourish at the end.

A. Paul Alivisatos

Interim Director

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory