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**U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY FINDS NO SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL
IMPACTS REGARDING THE PROPOSED COMPUTATIONAL RESEARCH AND
THEORY FACILITY PROJECT AT LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL
LABORATORY**

BERKELEY, CA – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has completed an environmental review that evaluates the potential impacts of the proposed Computational Research and Theory Facility Project (CRT) at Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL). Based on the analyses reported in the Environmental Assessment for the Proposed Action, DOE has determined that no significant environmental impacts are expected. The final Environmental Assessment and the accompanying Finding of No Significant Impact are available to interested parties.

The proposed DOE action would relocate and consolidate DOE Office of Science-funded LBNL programs with other LBNL/University of California (UC) Berkeley computational and computer science research programs in a new facility on the LBNL site. To satisfy programmatic and space needs, UC would construct the new building. The construction of the new building by UC would be a consequence of the proposed DOE action. The Environmental Assessment evaluated the potential impacts of the relocation and consolidation of DOE Office of Science-funded research; and the construction, operation, and eventual decommissioning of the CRT facility.

A draft Environmental Assessment was issued for public comment on September 14, 2010, revised as appropriate based on public comments, and issued as final in February 2011. The final Environmental Assessment (DOE/EA-1700) and Finding of No Significant Impact may be reviewed and copies of the documents obtained from the following locations:

- U.S. Department of Energy, Berkeley Site Office, (Attn: Kim Abbott), Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, 1 Cyclotron Road, MS 90-1023, Berkeley, CA 94720, Phone: 510-486-7909
- On the web at <http://www.lbl.gov/Community/CRT/index.html>

The final Environmental Assessment and Finding of No Significant Impact may also be reviewed at the Central Branch of the Berkeley Public Library, located at 2090 Kittredge Street, Berkeley, CA 94704.