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**DOE TO HOLD PUBLIC INFORMATION SESSION ON ENVIRONMENTAL
DOCUMENT FOR THE COMPUTATIONAL RESEARCH AND THEORY (CRT)
FACILITY PROJECT**

BERKELEY, CA – On September 20, 2010, the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) will hold an information session on the draft Environmental Assessment for the *Computational Research and Theory (CRT) Facility Project*. The information session will be from 4 p.m. – 6 p.m. at the South Berkeley Senior Center, 2939 Ellis Street, Berkeley, CA. This will be an opportunity for members of the public to review the draft Environmental Assessment, view posters on the Proposed Action, ask questions, and submit written comments. No formal presentation is planned, and members of the public are welcome to stop by at any time during the information session.

The draft Environmental Assessment examines the environmental impacts of DOE’s “Proposed Action.” The purpose of this Proposed Action is to consolidate all DOE Advanced Scientific Computing Research-funded Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory (LBNL) programs with related LBNL/University of California computational science programs. These programs would be relocated in a facility on or near the LBNL site. To accommodate this Proposed Action, the University of California would construct a dedicated computing facility on the LBNL site. This draft Environmental Assessment analyzes the environmental effects from the relocation and consolidation of equipment and personnel as well as the construction, operation, and eventual removal of the building and equipment at the end of their useful lives. In addition, the Proposed Action purpose, need, and alternatives are discussed in the draft Environmental Assessment.

Members of the public are encouraged to review and comment on the draft Environmental Assessment. Written comments may be submitted by mail to Kim Abbott, National Environmental Policy Act Document Manager, U.S. Department of Energy, Berkeley Site Office, One Cyclotron Road, MS 90-1023, Berkeley, CA 94720 or sent via e-mail to kim.abbott@bso.science.doe.gov. Written comments must be postmarked or received by e-mail no later than 5:00 p.m. on October 15, 2010, and they should include a return name and mailing address. Written comments may also be submitted to DOE at the public information session on September 20.

Copies of the draft Environmental Assessment will be available September 15, 2010 for public review on the web at: <http://www.lbl.gov/Community/CRT/index.html> and at the Berkeley Public Library at 2090 Kittredge St., Berkeley, CA 94704. A copy of the draft Environmental Assessment may be obtained by contacting Kim Abbott by email at kim.abbott@bso.science.doe.gov or by voicemail at (510) 486-7909.