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**Groundbreaking Ceremony**

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**Blake Hall, Idaho State Board of Education member**

This is a great opportunity for the State Board of Education to be present today with our universities and with private industry and government to announce the groundbreaking for the Center for Advanced Energy Studies.

**Arthur Vailas, Idaho State University president**

This partnership creates a core facility, a core resource, worldwide, that brings the best intellectual capital – that we can have that we have here in Idaho and that we will recruit worldwide – to build core technology that will address many of our energy needs in terms of production as well as transmission. And this will be bringing together universities, industry and government to solve very complex problems and demonstrate at a scale the capability of America's future in energy.

**Idaho Gov. C.L. "Butch" Otter**

With the opening of this center, every farm, every young child that's in school today, will become part of the energy revolution that I think that this center's going to spawn for Idaho. Certainly, bringing the intellectual capital in, attracting the kind of intellectual capital through the collaboration of the university system, the private sector, and of course the laboratory right here, is terribly important.

**Sen. Larry Craig**

Idaho, and its future, and the investment you make today, and the interrelationship between our colleges and universities and our federal institutions, will make Idaho a future energy producer of substantial consequence.

**Rep. Mike Simpson**

One of the things the delegation talked most about with the Department of Energy is that we wanted to see a strong collaboration between the INL – which we view as a vital national resource and an important resource here in the state of Idaho – but we wanted to see collaboration between them and our universities. This is the first step in that, to bring together our universities, the DOE, the INL, the contractor here, in opening this center. I think it is the first step in transforming the INL into what will be a world-class national laboratory.



**Sen. Mike Crapo**

For years, I have believed we needed to develop a much stronger relationship and connection between our university system and the lab, and to develop science, and to be a part of the development of the technology and the science that is going to strengthen and enhance nuclear power. And so I will simply say to you that this is a tremendous and exciting development. I am a hundred percent behind it, and I'm glad to be able to get in here before the end of it and just add my two cents to those things that everyone else has said.

**John Grossenbacher, INL lab director**

This is a building. The people that work at the lab are indeed the most important resource. They are the real capability at the lab. They are the entity that will really interact with the universities to produce this great and valuable partnership. And every day, I see them going about their business producing high-quality science and engineering with objectivity, creativity, and doing things that will have a real impact not only here in our community and our state and our region, but nationally and internationally as well. So I want to congratulate them. This is for them, and this is for our university partners.

**Beth Sellers, DOE-Idaho manager**

Isn't university collaboration great! I was here three-and-one-half years ago, when the Department of Energy was thinking, "What did we want out of this Idaho National Laboratory that we were doing a new request for proposal, that we were developing a new request for proposals for?" And the Center for Advanced Energy Studies is something that was right at the top of the list of things that we wanted to have actually come to fruition during the ten-year term of this contract. It's a great pleasure today to have this actually happening.