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## The New Vision and Strategy Positions INL to be Relevant to Tomorrow's Energy Future



**Vision:**  
INL will change the world's energy future and secure our critical infrastructure.

- ADVANCING NUCLEAR ENERGY
- ENABLING CLEAN ENERGY DEPLOYMENT
- SECURING & MODERNIZING CRITICAL INFRASTRUCTURE



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**Three Pillars of Simultaneous Excellence  
Shape the Future of INL**



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**GAIN**  
*Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear*

**Removing barriers to a cleaner, safer  
baseload nuclear energy source**




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## INL Small Modular Reactor (SMR) Activities


- INL works with all vendors to provide fair access to the laboratory benefits
- INL works with industry on SMR technology and deployment
- INL is supporting DOE in deploying SMRs



### SMR Design Features

- INL is supporting multiple Light Water Reactor SMR vendors
  - Small, **but not always**, <300 MW reactors.
    - Less expensive reactors compared to current LWR reactors
  - Often, **but not always**, multiple reactors at the same site that can be deployed as power is needed (Modular)
  - Primary cooling system and reactor core in a single simpler nuclear power plant, **but not always**
- Integrated Pressurized Water Reactor SMR's are closest to licensing and deployment
  - Designed to be inherently safer and simple
  - Primary reactor system inside a single factory built containment vessel
  - Higher dependence on passive systems to simplify operation and design

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## Idaho's Carbon Free Power Project (CFPP)

### Land Use Agreement (2/17/2016)

- DOE and UAMP signed an agreement to select, develop and operate a Small Modular Reactor (SMR) nuclear power plant at INL
- Agreement allows an NRC license for a commercial power plant to operate on an approved site
- INL and CFPP operations will be separate. Interfere and access are established in the land use agreement
- CFPP will operate under local, state and federal regulations
- DOE water rights are not permitted
- INL established an SMR Team to support the CFPP and future SMRs

### Siting Status (March/April 2016)

- INL is working with CFPP to support an NRC approved site selection process meeting DOE's goals to deploy an SMR
- INL's expert knowledge of successfully operating multiple reactors is key
- Sites throughout Idaho and Utah were initially reviewed. Final candidates are all at INL
- Highest scoring sites were down selected and evaluated on additional data at each round
- Three rounds of down selects resulted in "final four" candidate sites
- Preferred site will be identified soon, then site characterization will begin
- Operating SMR planned for 2023

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## Global Security Challenges

Enabling the warfighter, Intelligence Community, and first responders

Global security against nuclear and radiological threats

**National & Homeland Security**  
Positioned to address the world's most challenging problems in:

**Critical Infrastructure Protection and Resiliency**

**Nuclear Nonproliferation**

**Physical Defense Systems**

Secure and resilient electric grid

Nuclear nonproliferation safeguards and security

Wireless security and spectrum crunch

Secure industrial control systems across critical infrastructure sectors

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## Energy and Environment Science & Technology: Excellence – Innovation – Impact

**Advanced Transportation**

**Environmental Sustainability**

**Clean Energy**

**Advanced Manufacturing**

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## Center for Advanced Energy Studies

### Collaborative Energy Research

**Explore:** Energy & Environmental Research

**Educate:** Energy & Environmental Education

**Engage:** Apply Knowledge to Industry

**Enable:** Energy Transitions and Economic Development

### Core Capabilities

- Energy Systems Design and Analyses
- Nuclear Science and Engineering
- Materials Science and Engineering
- Environmental and Resource Sustainability
- Carbon Engineering
- Geological Systems and Applications
- Policy





**CAES Idaho Falls Facility**

• 55,000 square feet LEED Gold

• 2 Labs, 4 wind radiochemical capabilities

• 150 research staff

### CAES by the Numbers

In the past 5 years:

<b>\$105.1 M</b>	Research and development funding and equipment acquired
<b>3325</b>	Number of students supported by CAES-related projects
<b>814</b>	Number of publications, presentations, and proceeds CAES researchers produced

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## The Idaho National Laboratory Site

### We Maintain:

- 890 square miles
- 111 miles of electrical transmission and distribution lines
- 579 buildings
- 177 miles of paved roads
- 14 miles of railroad lines
- 3 reactors
- 2 spent fuel pools
- Mass transit system
- Security
- Museum
- Educational and research partnerships – CAES



**3,771 Employees**  
 FY-2015 Business Volume  
**\$917M**

\* Idaho National Laboratory is a not-for-profit state enterprise.


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### **INL by the Numbers**

- **10 Year** anniversary of INL
- **14 States** have a National Lab (there are 17)
- **5<sup>th</sup> Largest** employer in Idaho
- **\$917M** business volume
- **\$130M** to Idaho subcontractors and small businesses
- **\$88.6K INL Annual Salary** (vs. \$38K Idaho vs. \$51.4K National)
- **506 new** INL employees
- **9,500 visitors** to EBR-I (8,000 in 2014)
- **350 interns** up from 170 from last year
- **\$622.5K** community giving
- **175 Events** hosted by INL

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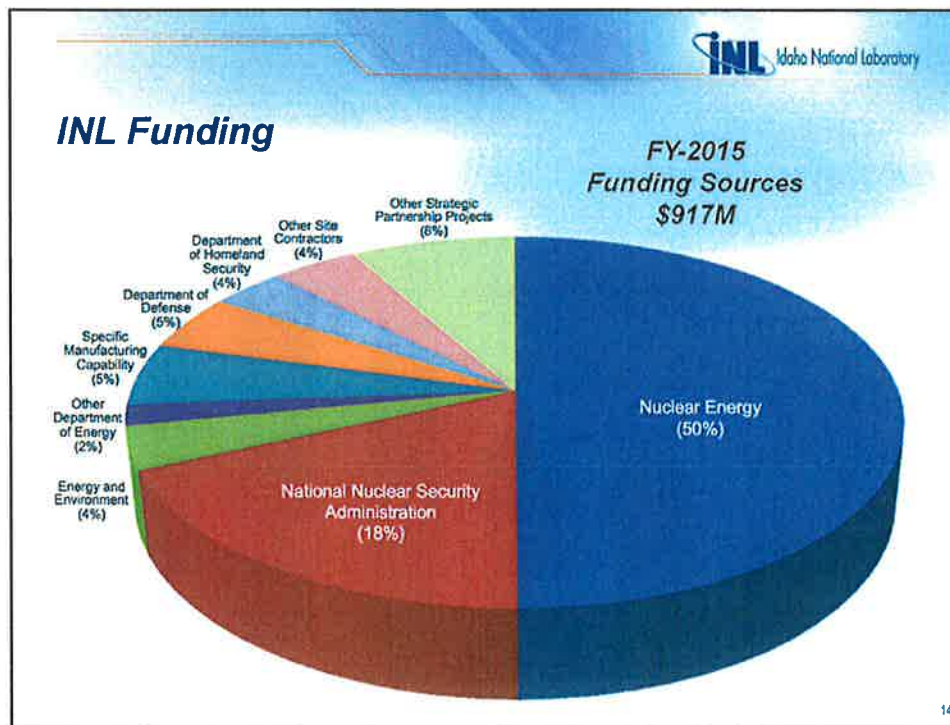
### **Contribution to Idaho's Gross State Product**

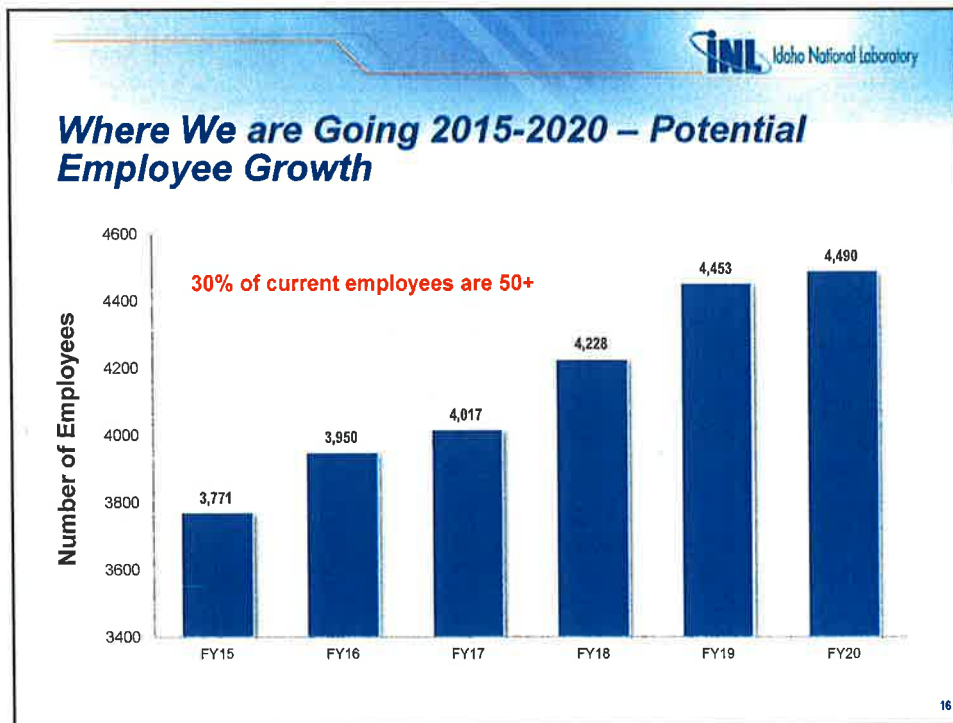
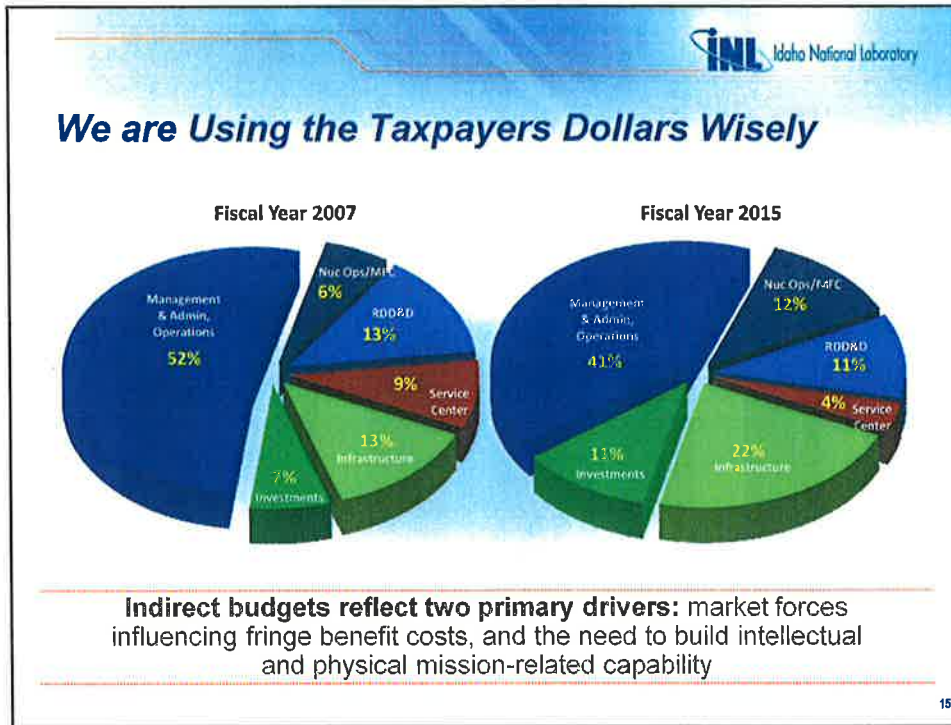
- INL is Idaho's **5<sup>th</sup> largest private employer** and **10<sup>th</sup> largest** when compared to all public and private businesses.
- The Lab adds nearly **\$1.6 billion** to the state's total output and almost **9,300** to employment in Idaho – an **8% increase** over FY14

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- INL brought money into Idaho and generated additional value added output of nearly **\$942 million**
- More than **\$667 million of economic output** was generated through INL suppliers and employee household spending
- BEA subcontracted more than **\$130 million to Idaho subcontractors**
- INL economic impacts resulted in an estimated **\$58 million in state and local tax revenues**
- Average base salary of an INL employee is **\$88,635 annually**
- Taxes generated by INL operations account for **1.6% of total state and local tax revenue**

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## The Perfect Storm

- Silver tsunami
- INL is growing
- Local competition
- National STEM job hiring crisis
- Curriculum does not often match hiring need
- Soft skills and on the job familiarity often lacking

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## Some Solutions

- **Hiring Solutions**
  - Improve new employee onboarding
  - Partner with University Programs to target schools that best match skill set/degree needs
  - Partner with the community to recruit to East Idaho
- **University/Workforce Development**
  - Strategically tie interns into needed disciplines
  - More joint appointments in areas of need
  - Target the universities/colleges that match best to INL need
  - Increase intern and postdoc opportunities
  - Design and build and change curriculum
- **K-12 STEM**
  - Tie to industry and INL needs - bring awareness of future career opportunities in Idaho
  - Promote and encourage diversity and rural school connections
- **Community**
  - Increase talent pipeline economic development partnership-grants, bring awareness of need, highlight and promote community/state

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## Is INL Capable of Fuel Analysis?

**This is what we do.  
The Settlement Agreement and INL contract designate INL as lead national nuclear energy laboratory**

**Legend**

- MOOSE (Multiphysics Object Oriented Simulation Environment)
- FASB (Fuels and Applied Science Building)
- EFF (Experimental Fuels Facility)
- FMF (Fuel Manufacturing Facility)
- ATR (Advanced Test Reactor)
- HFEF (Hot Fuel Examination Facility)
- IMCL (Irradiated Materials Characterization Laboratory)
- MaCS (Microscopy and Characterization Suite)
- TREAT (Transient Reactor Test Facility)

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## Research Quantities of Spent Nuclear Fuel

- **What is meant by Research Quantities of Nuclear material?**
  - 2 shipments, 50 fuel rods, 4 pounds per rod, 200 total pounds, 60 years experience
- **How is this work important to the Nation and International Community?**
- **How is this work important to Idaho?**
- **Is Idaho the preferred place to conduct this research?**
- **How is this work related to the provisions of the 1995 Batt Agreement?**
- **How could INL be impacted if this work doesn't come to the Lab?**
- **What is next?**

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## ***We Want to Build on Our Relationship with Idaho***

- **Center for Advanced Energy Studies (CAES)**
  - Continue to grow CAES
- **Workforce Development**
  - Partner with Idaho Colleges and Universities to build talent pipeline
  - Partnerships in Talent Pipeline with IDOL/IDOC to drive high wage job growth
  - More Joint Appointments in areas of need
- **K-12 STEM**
  - Focus on reading competency is critical
  - Stem Action Center – other stem efforts are important
- **Utilize INL's Capabilities**
  - National User Facilities, other capabilities are available to state, universities, colleges
  - High performance computing
  - Cyber, Computer Engineering, Materials Science are areas of obvious collaboration
- **Advancing Programs in Washington, DC**
  - Work to ensure federal officials are certain of strong support for INL in Idaho
  - Work with regional partners to increase impact of our advocacy
  - LINE Commission

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