

From the Director



Collaboration and the formation of agile multidisciplinary research teams have always been hallmarks of research at the Ames Laboratory. Bringing skills together from its large pool of capabilities, the Ames Laboratory addresses much more challenging problems than smaller or less-focused laboratories can tackle.

We address ever more complex energy challenges by looking beyond our own capabilities to build teams that bring together the best of the Ames Laboratory with the best of our sister institutions. Our most successful researchers are the ones who participate the most effectively in these

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This issue of *Inquiry* takes a look at a few of our collaborative projects and also shows how the Ames Laboratory enables vital research all over the world, via the Materials Preparation Center. In each case, unique skills in the Ames Laboratory are combined with unique capabilities at other institutions to make possible research findings that could not arise from any other team in the world – or in a couple of cases, beyond it!

Read on and see our impact.

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Alex King, Director