

Partnership Commitment

The mission of the Ames Laboratory is *science*, specifically, creating innovative materials, technologies, and energy solutions in support of DOE's energy mission. Our goal is to be our Nation's premier research institute in critical areas of condensed matter science, its related technologies, and the strategic applications of advanced materials. In order to be able to achieve that goal, we must conduct our research and operations in a responsible, sustainable and safe manner, demonstrating in everything we do that safety, environmental responsibility and world-class science go hand in hand.

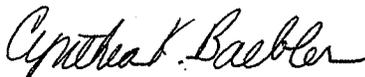
We have a responsibility to the *scientific community* to ensure that our fundamental research is conducted in a manner that is open, transparent and available to those who seek to use our expertise, results and discoveries.

We have a responsibility to our *research partners* to ensure that we protect their sensitive, proprietary and confidential information and conduct sponsored research on a best effort basis and consistent with the terms of our agreements.

We have a responsibility to our *employees* to treat each of them with respect and recognize them for their role and contributions to our team. Our employees are the core of our success. All employees must have a safe work environment and feel empowered to commit to an accident and injury free work place. All employees must feel free to make suggestions or raise concerns, without fear of retribution or attribution.

We have a responsibility to the *American people* who make our work possible. We must use our resources efficiently and effectively to meet our desired scientific goals; our research must be innovative and agile; linking fundamental science to real applications, and adapting to the changing needs of society. We must be able to demonstrate to the American people the value of the trust and investment they place in us. We are committed to the development and inspiration of new generations of researchers to keep America competitive.

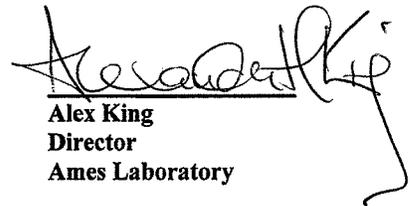
The Ames Site Office, the Ames Laboratory and Iowa State University commit to work in full partnership to achieve these objectives.



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