APPROVAL TO CONTINUE SPONSORSHIP OF
THE Ames LABORATORY
AS A FEDERALLY FUNDED RESEARCH
AND DEVELOPMENT CENTER

The Ames Laboratory is a Department of Energy (DOE) Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) managed and operated by Iowa State University of Science and Technology under DOE Contract No. DE-AC02-07CH11358. This contract, which serves as the sponsoring agreement, expires on December 31, 2016. However, additional award term periods could extend the contract through the requested authorization end date of December 31, 2021. The mission of Ames Laboratory is to create materials, inspire minds to solve problems and address global challenges. Ames Laboratory’s programs are essential to the overall mission and objectives for the DOE. Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR) 35.017-4 provides for the Head of the sponsoring Agency to approve the continuance of the sponsorship of the FFRDC.

As Head of the Agency, as defined in FAR 2.101, I hereby determine, pursuant to FAR 35.017-4, that: (1) the technical needs and mission requirements performed by the FFRDC continue to exist at a level consistent with current needs; (2) consideration has been given to alternative sources in meeting DOE’s needs; (3) in accordance with current annual assessments of the FFRDC’s performance, the FFRDC continues to maintain a high level of performance in meeting the sponsor’s needs; (4) the FFRDC has maintained an adequate and cost-effective operation; and (5) the criteria for establishing the FFRDC continue to be satisfied and the sponsoring agreement is in compliance with FAR 35.017-1. Accordingly, I approve the continued operation of the Ames Laboratory as a DOE FFRDC for the period January 1, 2017, through December 31, 2021.

Ernest J. Moniz
Secretary of Energy

March 24, 2016
Date