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*Lab Directors
Network*



Lab Directors Network - Goal

- Federal laboratories help enhance the U.S. economy in an increasingly competitive global environment
- Bringing their directors together will aid laboratories in addressing key issues rapidly and effectively
- The network lets federal laboratory executives exchange ideas and experiences, as well as increase mutual awareness of other agencies' capabilities and expertise



Lab Directors Network – Inaugural Forum

- July 22, 2008 – Washington, D.C.
 - Hosted by Department of Energy
 - Speakers included:
 - Raymond Orbach, DOE Under Secretary for Science
 - Starnes Walker, Department of Homeland Security
 - Jim Zarzycki, former Director, Edgewood Chemical Biological Center
 - Dick Paul, Industrial Research Institute
- More than 100 directors and key lab/agency personnel met with the goal of networking and collaborating to stimulate innovation across agency lines



Lab Directors Network - Themes

- STEM initiatives
 - Crucial to create new S&T professionals
 - Labs can help with resources and interest
- Government/industry/academia partnerships and innovation
 - Cross-collaboration facilitates bright ideas and makes better use of resources
 - Several programs promote partnerships, but more are needed
- Barriers to innovation and collaboration
 - Obstacles often prevent collaboration even when it is desired
 - By working together to remove these barriers, lab directors can increase the possibility of collaboration



2009 FLC National Meeting

Charlotte, North Carolina
May 4-7, 2009

The Meeting for:

Technology Transfer Professionals
Laboratory Representatives
Licensing Executives
Venture Capitalist
Industry Executives
Scientists
Researchers
Innovators
Students
Entrepreneurs

