MEMBERS OF THE BERKELEY LAB COMMUNITY

Dear Colleagues:

I am writing to you to let you know that our process to appoint the next Director of Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory has begun. As part of that process, it is essential that we hear directly from Berkeley Lab employees.

As you know, Director Paul Alivisatos has announced his intention to step down once his successor takes the helm. Finding someone to succeed Director Alivisatos is a challenging job that the University takes very seriously. The selection of the Berkeley Lab Director is one of the most important responsibilities the University has as the management and operating contractor of Berkeley Lab for the U.S. Department of Energy.

The Director search and selection process is prescribed by the policies of The Regents of the University of California. The process includes the use of a Search Committee comprising Regents, scientists, and thought leaders who will identify a short list of top candidates for me to interview. I am also establishing a Screening Task Force to assist the Search Committee to ensure we are looking at a broad and diverse spectrum of potential candidates. Both include Berkeley Lab colleagues. I have appointed Vice President for National Laboratories Kimberly Budil to chair the Search Committee and Robert Birgeneau, Chancellor Emeritus of the University of California, Berkeley, as chair of the Task Force. An executive search firm has also been engaged.

A Berkeley Lab Director Search webpage has been set up to provide information to employees, candidates, and other interested parties about the search and selection process and to keep employees apprised of the status of our process. The page includes the position description, instructions for submitting nominations and applications, Search Committee and Screening Task Force membership lists, and a question and answer forum. I encourage you to use this webpage to submit your nominations for Lab Director, applications, and any comments you have regarding the position. The Berkeley Lab Director Search webpage can be accessed at: http://ucop.edu/berkeley-lab-director-search.
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The position description is being widely posted and advertised nationally. Requests for nominations have been sent to key stakeholders. In order to receive full consideration, nominations and applications are to be submitted by July 17 to the mail or email addresses noted on the Director Search webpage. All communication to these addresses will be held in confidence. The Search Committee, Screening Task Force, and executive search firm also are charged to hold all discussions and information in complete confidence.

Berkeley Lab is a very special place, and I know each of you believes strongly in the mission of this great national laboratory. You have a stake in the outcome of the search, and I want to thank you for your support as we complete this important task. Berkeley Lab has a stellar record of outstanding science and technology in support of the nation. The selection of a visionary leader is critical to the Laboratory’s continued success. We have an impressive group of individuals providing advice and counsel, and I am confident that we will have an exceptional outcome.

Thank you for your continued dedication and service to the nation, the University, and the Berkeley Lab.

Yours very truly,

[Signature]

Janet Napolitano  
President

cc: Director Alivisatos  
Vice President Budil  
Screening Task Force Chair Birgeneau