Members of the Berkeley Lab Community:

I wanted to take this opportunity to bring you up to date on the University’s search to find the next Director of Berkeley Lab. The search process is well underway under the leadership of Vice President for National Laboratories Kimberly Budil, Chair of the Search Committee. Members of the Lab community on the Search Committee include Senior Scientist Saul Perlmutter and Physics Division Director Natalie Roe. Several hundred letters and emails requesting nominations have gone out to a very broad audience, the position has been publicly posted within the UC system and at many national laboratories, and it is being widely advertised.

The Search Committee met yesterday at Berkeley Lab to hear from Director Alivisatos, Department of Energy leadership, and a number of staff selected to represent the various interests across the Laboratory. These employee focus groups presented their views of the opportunities and challenges facing Berkeley Lab and expressed their opinions of those characteristics and qualities that we should be particularly mindful of when considering the next Director. It was an excellent opportunity for the Search Committee to hear directly from those representing the real strength of the Laboratory – you, its talented and dedicated staff.

Membership of the Screening Task Force has been selected and includes a number of leaders from across the Berkeley Lab, the Berkeley campus, the UC system, and the broader scientific community. I have appointed Robert Birgeneau, Chancellor Emeritus of UC Berkeley and a highly eminent physicist, to chair the Screening Task Force. He is also an ex-officio member of the Search Committee. A list of the Task Force membership is attached for your information. The Task Force will assist the Search Committee by reviewing potential candidates and recommending 10-15 individuals for further consideration by the Search Committee.

I want to extend a personal invitation for you to visit the University’s Director Search website, http://ucop.edu/berkeley-lab-director-search, if you have not already done so. You will find further information about the search process, the Search Committee, Screening Task Force, and Lab Day. We have an impressive group of individuals providing advice, and I am confident that we will have an excellent outcome.
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On the Director Search website, you will note a link to provide comment or submit nominations and applications. I encourage you to give us your thoughts on the Director search or to submit nominations of those you would like to see as the next Berkeley Lab Director.

I want to thank you for your interest in the process and for your patience as we complete this important task. This decision is undoubtedly the University’s greatest responsibility as the contractor for the Laboratory and one we take most seriously.

Yours very truly,

Janet Napolitano
President

Attachment

cc: Director Alivisatos
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SCREENING TASK FORCE FOR THE SELECTION OF A DIRECTOR FOR LAWRENCE BERKELEY NATIONAL LABORATORY
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