

Did you know?

INL is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's national laboratories. The laboratory performs work in each of DOE's strategic goal areas: energy, national security, science, and environment. INL is the nation's leading center for nuclear energy research and development. Day-to-day management and operation of the laboratory is the responsibility of Battelle Energy Alliance, LLC.

Four Easy Steps to Partnering with INL:



Step 1:
Identify who you want to work with.



Step 2:
Agree on what you want to do.



Step 3:
Get agreement in place.



Step 4:
Begin the collaboration.

INL's Core Capabilities

- Advanced computer science, visualization, and data
- Applied materials science and engineering
- Biological and bioprocess engineering
- Chemical and molecular science
- Chemical engineering
- Condensed matter physics and materials science
- Cyber and information sciences
- Decision sciences
- Environmental subsurface science and analysis
- Large-scale user facilities and advanced instrumentation
- Mechanical design and engineering
- Nuclear and radiochemistry
- Nuclear engineering
- Power systems and electrical engineering
- Systems engineering and integration

INL Vision

INL will change the world's energy future and secure our critical infrastructure.

INL Mission

Discover, demonstrate, and secure innovative nuclear energy solutions, clean energy options, and critical infrastructure.



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Partnering
with Idaho National Laboratory

Powering Discovery

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Whether your challenge involves nuclear energy, national and homeland security, or clean energy issues, Idaho National Laboratory may be able to help you further your research. You can partner with us in a variety of ways to support your goals and business strategy. We welcome the opportunity to collaborate on impactful projects.

As a Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC), INL can enter into agreements to provide unique research and expertise to international and U.S. companies, nonprofit organizations, academia, and state or local governments.

INL encourages you to explore all the ways that the laboratory partners with industry, learn more at www.inl.gov/partnerships and contact us with your interests at partnerships@inl.gov.

To learn about the U.S. Department of Energy, Lab Partnering Service: www.labpartnering.org.

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INL Partnering Mechanisms

User Facilities

Specialized, standard agreements are available to expedite user access to INL designated user facilities. INL has state-of-the-art facilities that are open to industrial and academic users for conducting research in diverse technology areas. It is possible to perform proprietary and nonproprietary research at the designated user facilities.

Strategic Partnership Projects (SPP)

INL develops distinctive science and engineering solutions for other federal agencies, private companies, universities, and local governments through the Strategic Partnership Projects program. SPP is the performance of work, such as research and development of applied engineering, for sponsors outside of the DOE. The primary purpose of the INL Strategic Partnership Projects program is to make the wealth of technologies, personnel and expertise, and facilities available in which federal funds have been invested. INL's advanced, state-of-the-art technology, materials, and services are provided to the public to benefit programs of national importance and to enhance industrial competitiveness.

Cooperative Research and Development Agreement (CRADA)

INL collaborates with industry and academia to develop singular science and engineering solutions to challenging technical problems. A CRADA is an agreement between INL and an industrial partner or university to collaborate on a research and development project of interest. INL may provide an in-kind contribution, such as its researchers, facilities, equipment, or other resources. INL's partner provides an in-kind contribution, funding, or both. Both parties benefit by leveraging each other's contribution.

License Agreement – Commercial

INL often develops valuable intellectual property as a result of its research efforts. A license agreement grants exclusive or nonexclusive rights to practice INL intellectual property with the purpose of encouraging and enabling an entity to commercialize the technology.

License Agreement – Noncommercial

(Government Use and Open Source Software)

A noncommercial license agreement grants rights to practice INL intellectual property to perform work for or on behalf of the U.S. government or places INL-developed software in open source software repositories located at github.com/idaholab to encourage use and enable crowd-sourced development of the software.

Small Business Opportunities and Supplier Procurement

INL is always seeking qualified businesses as partners to achieve our diverse missions. INL provides significant opportunities to small, disadvantaged, woman-owned, service-disabled, veteran-owned, and Historically Underutilized Business Zone businesses based in the United States to establish a prosperous relationship with INL.

Researcher-to-Researcher Collaborations

Several avenues promote research collaborations between INL and universities or other research institutions. Mechanisms to support guest visitors and longer-term collaborations include research subcontracts and hosting researchers through the Academic Visitors, International Researchers, Joint Appointments, or Visiting Researcher programs. These programs enable scientists and engineers to share ideas and research.

Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR/STTR), Technology Commercialization Funds and Other Grant Opportunities

DOE and other federal agencies often post Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOAs) or other solicitations such as the Small Business Innovation Research calls for proposals or Technology Commercialization Funds that encourage teaming with national laboratories to deliver on the missions and goals of those agencies. Many of these FOAs and solicitations specifically require or suggest that DOE federal laboratories partner with nonfederal U.S. entities, including industry, academia, or nonprofit agencies.

INL Offers Grants in the Following Areas

Economic Development – INL stimulates local and regional economic growth by actively promoting technology-related entrepreneurship and innovation.

Our Local Community – INL values the relationships that we build with our neighbors and strive to improve the quality of life in our community.

K-12 Science Technology Engineering and Mathematics (STEM) – STEM- INL's K-12 STEM education and outreach program focuses on developing a skilled, talented, and prepared STEM-literate workforce to fill the pipeline of potential future INL employees with scientists, engineers, and technicians.

To learn more about partnering with INL: inl.gov/partnerships or email Partnerships@inl.gov.

