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NETL Employee Named Federal Small Business Program Manager of the Year



The National Energy Technology Laboratory's (NETL) Larry Sullivan was honored with the Federal Small Business Program Manager of the Year award at the 12th Annual Small Business Conference & Expo. More than 1,600 participants attended this Expo, which was held from May 10–12, 2011, and sponsored by the U.S. Department of Energy, the largest civilian contracting agency within the Federal government. Housed at the Kansas City Convention Center in Kansas City, Missouri, the conference and Expo provided small businesses from across the country with information about federal funding, including grant opportunities, contracting openings, and subcontracting options.

Energy Secretary Steven Chu says that “Small businesses are the building blocks of the clean energy economy, helping to create jobs and drive innovation.” For more information about the 12th Annual Small Business Conference & Expo, please visit www.smallbusinessconference.energy.gov.

Sullivan received the honor at an award luncheon for the Fiscal Year 2010 Secretarial Small Business Award recipients, where several individuals and small businesses were recognized. He said, “I truly believe that small businesses are the backbone of the economy, and I enjoy helping them become a part of NETL.” Sullivan has worked for the National Energy Technology Laboratory for 20 years and has been the small business program manager since 2004.

NETL is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's national laboratories. NETL—“the ENERGY lab”—focuses on America's economic prosperity, which requires secure, reliable energy supplies at sustainable prices. Three overarching issues characterize the energy situation in the United States. They are energy affordability, supply security, and environmental preservation. As the Department of Energy's only government-owned, government-operated national lab, NETL is proud to be a research and technology center where these “energy challenges converge and energy solutions emerge.” NETL implements a broad spectrum of energy and environmental research and development programs through its own research staff and through funded research at other labs, universities, and industries that will return benefits for generations to come.