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Researchers and inventors honored for scientific achievements in 2013

IDAHO FALLS -- Idaho National Laboratory honored more than 100 researchers and inventors during its annual recognition event Friday at the Energy Innovation Laboratory in Idaho Falls.

INL's 18th Annual Honors Reception highlighted achievements in 2013, including the receipt of 39 new patents, the application for 21 new patents and the submission of 32 new inventions for evaluation. These efforts produce advances that may be used by U.S. government agencies and licensed for commercialization in various markets.

"Our researchers and inventors deserve recognition and congratulations for their many impressive achievements," said INL Laboratory Director John Grossenbacher. "Research and technology from Idaho National Laboratory materially contributes to solving significant national challenges in energy, environment and national and homeland security."

In addition to recognizing patented invention and copyrights, special recognition was awarded for three Laboratory Director's Achievement Awards, Inventor of the Year and Technician of the Year Award. Recipients of these awards were honored for significant contributions in their research fields during 2013. The winners included:

- Joshua Daw for Exceptional Engineering Achievement,
- Aaron Wilson for Early Career Exceptional Achievement,
- Douglas Porter for Individual Lifetime Achievement in Science and Technology,
- Inventor of the Year Gus Caffrey, and
- Technician of the Year Albert Smith.

INL is one of the DOE's 10 multiprogram 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.

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