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International Conference to Explore Sustainability in the Heart of the Silicon Valley

This September, San Jose, California, will host the premier laboratory sustainability conference in the nation: the Laboratories for the 21st Century (Labs21[®]) 2008 Annual Conference. This event is expected to draw more than 700 architects, engineers, facility managers, builders, and laboratory owners from around the world, and will take place September 16–18, 2008, at the San Jose McEnergy Convention Center.

The Labs21 conference, co-sponsored by the International Institute for Sustainable Laboratories (I²SL), the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), and the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), provides a unique forum for industry leaders and professionals to discuss the challenges and opportunities facing sustainable laboratory design, construction, and operation worldwide.

The conference agenda will feature informative technical and poster sessions, a series of topic-specific half-day symposia, and a Technology and Services Fair showcasing a variety of innovative products and services from more than 60 vendors. Conference attendees will also have the opportunity to attend optional events that include pre-conference training workshops and tours of local, sustainable high-tech facilities.

Labs21 is currently seeking abstract submissions for the 2008 Call for Presenters from laboratory professionals who have in-depth knowledge and experience in the areas of sustainable laboratory and other high-performance facility design, engineering, equipment, and operation. All applications are due by March 7, 2008. For more information on the Call for Presenters, and to submit an abstract, visit the Labs21 Web site at <www.labs21century.gov/conf/call.htm>.

New to this year's conference, thanks to collaboration between I²SL and several Bay Area organizations including the Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory, the Critical Facilities Round Table, and the Silicon Valley Leadership Group will be a full track of sessions and panel discussions dedicated to data centers. These facilities, which store large volumes of information under strict environmental operating conditions, face significant energy requirements due to their continuous operation and demands for energy security and reliability. This track will apply the Labs21 Approach to data centers, allowing the information technology and laboratory communities to exchange their sustainable design and engineering experiences and accomplishments. In addition to technical presentations, the data centers track will include a full-day training workshop on Monday, September 15, followed by an evening tour and reception at one of the Silicon Valley's premier data center facilities.

For more information on the Labs21 2008 Annual Conference please visit the Labs21 Web site at <www.labs21century.gov/conf>.

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Labs21, a voluntary partnership program co-sponsored by EPA and DOE, is dedicated to improving the environmental performance of U.S. laboratories. Labs21 provides technical support to Labs21 Partners, offers educational workshops throughout the year, and continues to develop a suite of tools, best practices, and case studies known collectively as the Labs21 Toolkit. The Labs21 conference and workshops are additionally co-sponsored by I²SL, a nonprofit 501(c)(3) organization with a mission to teach, enable, and promote the development of sustainable high-performance facilities through partnerships and the exchange of information worldwide.