JSA Awards $574K for FY11 Initiatives Fund Program

Washington, DC – Jefferson Sciences Associates (JSA) announced the award of projects totaling $574,400 that will be supported by the FY11 JSA Initiatives Fund. JSA owners, SURA and CSC/ATG, established the Initiatives Fund to support programs, initiatives, and activities that further the scientific outreach, and promote the science, education and technology missions of Jefferson Lab in ways that complement its basic and applied research focus. The annual program commitment of $500,000, plus unused funds from prior years, is administered by SURA for the JSA Programs Committee.

The 2011 evaluation committee, chaired by JSA Programs Committee Chair June Matthews of MIT, included Gail Dodge, Old Dominion University; Gerard Gilfoyle, University of Richmond; Ronald Gilman, Rutgers University; Keith Griffioen, College of William & Mary, Robert McKeown, Jefferson Lab; Daniel Sober, Catholic University, Zisis Papandreou, University of Regina, and Elizabeth Lawson, SURA/JSA. The evaluation report, presented to the committee at its meeting on October 20, was approved unanimously and forwarded to the owners for award.

The FY11 Initiatives Fund Program includes new awards for 31 projects with total contributing/ matching funds of over $860,000. Over 40% of the $574,000 in new awards support the education and outreach programs at the Jefferson Lab. The remaining awards support career development, other JLab programs, JLab users initiatives and activities, and several topical science meetings. A complete listing of the FY11 awards can be found at http://www.jsallc.org/IF/IFProjects.html.

JSA President and Jefferson Lab Director, Hugh E. Montgomery stated, “After five years of support from the owners for this Program, it is clear that the diverse projects, initiatives, and activities, many of which leverage the commitments of others, continue to add value to the Lab’s programs and help to cultivate the support of the science and user communities.”

In accepting the recommendations from the JSA Programs Committee, JSA co-owner, SURA President and CEO Jerry P. Draayer added, “The Initiatives Fund Program is a valuable resource for seed funding projects that may not have been undertaken otherwise. These investments also support many existing Lab programs and benefit the Lab’s users, students, and young researchers.” JSA co-owner Alan B. Weakley, President, CSC/ATG, added “that the Initiatives Fund Program signals the owners’ commitment to support the mission of Jefferson Lab, including an expectation that it reach out and support K-12 science education.”

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