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Welcome to the fourth issue of the IAC Alumni Newsletter, sponsored by the Office of Industrial Technology (OIT). OIT is a part of the Department of Energy's Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Resources.

To see previous issues of the newsletter, visit the OIPEA website at <http://oipea-www.rutgers.edu> and click on "IAC program".

DOE to "Re-Compete" Industrial Assessment Centers

The US Department of Energy has announced a competition for university participation in its IAC Program. IAC Field Managers will award successful institutions contracts for the 2001 period. A competition, for future participation as an IAC host campus, was one of several recommendations made in a 1999 critical review of the IAC Program. This change will create a fresh approach to industrial assessment activities and permit better alignment of IACs with the goals of the Department of Energy's Office of Industrial Technologies. The resulting realignment of IAC host institutions will assure that areas of the country with dense manufacturing concentration are able to receive IAC services. However, the basic program functions of service to small and medium sized manufacturers and practical training for engineering students, remain unchanged.

Financial analysis of the program's impact continues to show excellent return on investment for both the federal government and manufacturers. The program's other major goal: to provide engineering students with hands-on training and experience in energy, waste, and productivity management is also being met with record number of students participating in the program. One area of increased focus, which will take form after the new centers are selected is a concentration of activity in the industrial sectors known as "Industries of the Future."

As a result, the DOE has offered ALL eligible institutions an opportunity to participate in the IAC program. Institutions with ABET accredited

engineering or engineering technology programs are eligible to apply. Between 20 and 30 centers will be competitively selected, and existing IACs are required to submit a proposal and be competitively selected to continue operation. The solicitation and the required forms can be obtained by going to www.oit.doe.gov/iac and clicking on the "solicitation" link. Proposals must be postmarked no later than May 5, 2000. Schools selected to host IAC's will begin work on October 1, 2000.

IAC ALUMNI and FRIENDS: WE NEED YOUR HELP!



For the OIT's solicitation to be a success, good schools must take advantage of the opportunity offered to them. IAC alumni can help the program by ensuring that these schools submit proposals. If you live or work near a school that you feel would be a good IAC, make sure the engineering department is aware of the solicitation. Perhaps you can share your experiences as an IAC student. If you are working in the energy field, perhaps you can work with the school to submit a proposal. We all know what a great program the IAC is; let's make sure that it continues to be a valuable program for all involved!

INDUSTRIAL ASSESSMENT CENTERS

