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PPPL Procurement Staff and Protégé Recognized for Excellence

With high marks in maintaining purchasing standards, PPPL's Procurement Division has received the 2007 Achievement of Excellence in Procurement Award from the National Purchasing Institute (NPI). This is the first NPI award received by PPPL's group.

The prestigious award, given annually, is earned by those organizations that demonstrate excellence by obtaining a high score based on standardized criteria. The criteria are designed to measure innovation, professionalism, productivity, e-procurement, and leadership attributes of the procurement organization. Criteria that applicants are rated on include ethics standards, "how to do business" web pages, customer surveys, vendor training, and various online capabilities, as well as other conditions.

"This recognizes that the procurement group is moving forward with a new standard, which is e-Commerce," said PPPL Procurement Head Rod Templon.

Nominations are accepted from counties, cities, school districts, states, special districts, and universities, both public and private. "This is the first time we measured ourselves against such a diverse group," noted Templon, adding that self-nominations were submitted.

NPI is a non-profit organization created to foster education and networking for its members and other professionals associated with public sector procurement and supply management.



PPPL Deputy Director Rich Hawryluk congratulates the Lab's Procurement staff on receiving the 2007 NPI Award. From left are Procurement Head Rodney Templon, Hawryluk, Sharon Warkala, Arlene White, Joanna Santoro, Kevin Ranahan and Larry Sutton.



PPPL subcontractor Zenex Precision Products recently received the HUBZone [Historically Underutilized Business Zone] Supplier of the Year Award from U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) officials at the DOE's 8th Annual Small Business Conference in Washington, D.C.

Zenex, a small business in Paterson, N.J., is in a partnership with PPPL through the DOE's Mentor-Protégé Program. Zenex provides complex machined components to the Lab and shares its manufacturing techniques, while PPPL enhances Zenex's ability to compete and win other government contracts for fabricated parts. The partnership is an outreach component of the Laboratory's small business subcontracting program. ●

From left are Deputy Secretary of Energy Clay Sell, Zenex Vice President Robert Wronski, PPPL Senior Buyer and Small Business Liaison Arlene White, and Theresa Alvillar-Speake, Director, Economic Impact and Diversity and Office of Small Disadvantage Business Utilization.

New Faces at PPPL

PPPL welcomes the following people, who have joined the staff since November:



Cassandra Pugh
Network/UNIX Admin.



Eun-Hwa Kim
Associate Research Physicist



Linda Ramirez
Planning & Control Officer



Ninaad Desai
Electrical Engineer



Polina Todorova
Staff Accountant



Young Yoon
Mechanical CAD Designer



Alba Castano
Electrical Technician



Greg Tchilinguirian
Linux Computer Engineer



Jeffrey Chaplin
ESU Officer



Joanna Santoro
Procurement Staff Assistant



Patrick Gaskill
Accounting Clerk/Travel



Paul Sobke
ESU Officer



Michael Weeks
ESU Officer



Michael Palmer
Mechanics



Michael Gonzalez
Training Specialist



Walter McIntyre
Mechanics

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Summertime Learning and Fun at PPPL



High school and middle school teachers from around the country spent a week at PPPL participating in the annual Plasma Camp workshop. This year, the nine teachers came from New Jersey, Virginia, New York, North Carolina, Texas, and Alaska. The teachers spent the week performing experiments with half-coated fluorescent light bulbs, plasma balls, and DC glow discharges. They also studied energy policy issues and toured the Laboratory. At the conclusion, each wrote a plasma-based curriculum that he or she will field test in the classroom during this school year. From left, Plasma Camp participants Katherine Shirey, Chris George, and Jay Klotz work on the DC glow discharge experiment at the Science Education Laboratory. ●



PPPPL summer interns Alex Gill and Harrison Mebane (back row from left) took a break from their studies and joined PPPL Science Ed administrator James Morgan and Princeton University graduate student Jessica Baumgaertel (middle row from left) at Great Adventure in July. Morgan and Baumgaertel played a game of chess while on a roller coaster. (The winner is undecided due to the loss of chess pieces enroute.) At front is intern Mike Chaffin. ●



PPPL engineer Charles Gentile met weekly with the summer interns he supervises. From left are Ali Burstein, Gentile, Brett Anderson, Maria Aristova, and Kelsey Tresemer.

PPPPL engineer and mentor Charles Gentile supervised four summer students this year: Ali Burstein, Brett Anderson, Maria Aristova, and Kelsey Tresemer. Each spent 10 weeks working on the Work For Others task PPPL has with the High Average Power Laser (HAPL) program. “They all made excellent end-of-the-summer power point presentations to a group of their peers and all have submitted student abstracts to the American Physical Society,” Gentile said. Burstein is a freshman at Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut; Aristova is a West Windsor-Plainsboro High School North student who also is taking courses at Princeton University; Tresemer is a mechanical engineering senior at George Fox University in Oregon; and Anderson is a physics senior at St. Olaf College in Minnesota. Anderson and Tresemer were Science Undergraduate Laboratory interns. Aristova and Burstein participated in a PPPL high school program. ●

PIRATES of PPPL PICNIC

The Lab's "pirates" gathered on the front lawn at lunchtime on September 10 for the ship-side Pirates of PPPL Picnic. The USS Plasma crew and friends enjoyed food and buccaneer games, and had boatloads of fun. ARRRRR!

