

## **SURA Resolution in Support of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab)**

**Whereas** in the early 1980's the Department of Energy (DOE) announced its intent to consider proposals for a national facility for researchers to study the structure of atomic nuclei at a more fundamental level; and in December 1980 thirteen universities, led by the University of Virginia and the College of William and Mary, came together to form the Southeastern Universities Research Association, Inc. (SURA);

**Whereas** SURA recognized the need to attract this major new nuclear physics research facility to the region and committed to bring thirty new faculty positions at SURA universities; and the Commonwealth of Virginia pledged support for the Governor's Distinguished Professor/Scientist Program and seventeen State positions; and the City of Newport News partnered with SURA to contributed land and structures;

**Whereas** the Nuclear Science Advisory Committee (NSAC) accepted the Bromley Panel's recommendation to support the SURA proposal for a 4-GeV electron accelerator; and in 1984 the DOE awarded a contract to SURA for the Continuous Electron Beam Accelerator Facility (CEBAF) in Newport News, Virginia;

**Whereas** with its Lab Director Hermann A. Grunder, SURA brought together the leadership team to construct CEBAF on time and within budget in 1995; and SURA continued to serve our nation's nuclear physics user community as the Management and Operating (M&O) contractor through the renaming of CEBAF to the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility (Jefferson Lab) in 1996;

**Whereas**, upon recommendation of its Executive Committee, the SURA Board of Trustees resolved in April 2004 to respond to an anticipated announcement by the DOE for a competition for the M&O contract for Jefferson Lab, advancing Christoph W. Leemann to continue as Lab Director;

**Whereas** SURA determined that it was in the best interest of the Jefferson Lab to join with a private sector partner, selected through a competitive process, to bring innovative operations to complement its established best-in-class science program; and selected the Computer Sciences Corporation (CSC) to form Jefferson Science Associates, LLC, a SURA/CSC Company; and

**Whereas** on April 12, 2006 DOE announced the award of an M&O contract to Jefferson Science Associates, LLC, organized in Virginia, with a governance structure that includes a Board of six SURA-appointed Directors and four CSC-appointed Directors, and Christoph W. Leemann as the President of JSA and Director of Jefferson Lab, and his named leadership team, as proposed to the DOE;


**Now therefore let it be resolved that** on this day, the SURA Board of Trustees acknowledges and thanks the SURA President and CEO Jerry P. Draayer and his staff, especially Executive Director and Corporate Secretary Elizabeth L. Lawson and Chief Financial Officer and Corporate Treasurer Peter M. Bjonerud, as well as JSA President and Jefferson Lab Director Christoph W. Leemann and his leadership team for their outstanding efforts to win a new performance based contract, with a five-year

base term, and a performance incentive to be extended for up to an additional fifteen-years for a total potential contract value of \$2 Billion;

***Let it be further resolved that*** SURA, as the majority and controlling partner of JSA and as its Administrative and Tax member, pledges its continuing support to Jefferson Lab by bestowing upon the JSA President and Lab Director the title of SURA Vice-President for Jefferson Lab, with the attendant privileges and responsibilities of a corporate officer of SURA and with the further commitment of dedicated office space in Washington, DC for JSA and access to SURA's other facilities in the furtherance of the mission of Jefferson Lab; and, finally,

***Let it be resolved that*** SURA endorses and strongly encourages its Vice President for Jefferson Lab to leverage his unique position in the nuclear physics community as the leader of DOE's only single purpose Laboratory dedicated to a study of atomic nuclei, SURA's access to the leading research universities across the Southeastern United States as well as nationally, and internationally, and SURA's Washington, DC setting with its reach to such organizations as the Southern Governors' Association and the Council on Competitiveness to continue to promote nuclear physics in general and the physics of Jefferson Lab in particular through strategic alliances within a coordinated outreach program.

***For the SURA Board of Trustees***



Otis B. Brown  
Chair of the SURA Board of Trustees



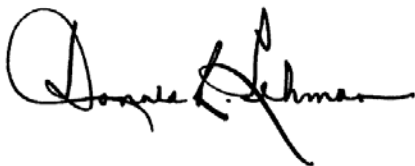
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