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Ohio University Joins SURA As Affiliate Member

The Southeastern Universities Research Association recently announced that Ohio University has been accepted as an affiliate member. Their membership application was officially approved at the SURA Board of Trustees fall meeting held early November in Washington, D.C.

Ohio University has a primary interest in the work of the Jefferson Lab, which is managed and operated by Jefferson Science Associations. JSA, LLC is a SURA/CSC company created specifically to run the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility for the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science. This nuclear physics user facility enables the international user community to conduct outstanding scientific research.

OU's Department of Physics and Astronomy has had a long history with Jefferson Lab, going back to collaborations in 1993 – when the lab was solely managed by SURA. OU joins Idaho State University as a university outside the region to be granted this status since the new membership categories were expanded and established in 2008. The ability of universities and businesses to affiliate with SURA is intended to enrich the research capabilities of the coalition.

In a letter supporting the application, long-time JLab leader Larry Cardman noted, “The experimentalists at [OU's] Institute of Nuclear and Particle Physics there have a strong record of involvement at Jefferson Lab.” He added that “Ohio physicists are also intimately involved in planning and preparation for the 12 GeV era at Jefferson Lab.” The 12GeV project is a multi-year, \$310 million upgrade of the accelerator to be completed by 2016. Cardman concluded that, “This formal association promises to further strengthen the partnership between JLab and Ohio University to our mutual benefit.”

Comprised of over 60 universities primarily from 16 Southern states and DC, SURA's programmatic initiatives have grown beyond stewardship of the Jefferson Lab in Newport News, Virginia – the catalyst for the organization's beginning. With projects established in coastal and environment research and information technology, the expanding membership is meant to partner the university consortia more closely with the universities across the nation and in the private sector.

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The Southeastern Universities Research Association (SURA) is a consortium of over 60 leading research institutions in the southern United States and the District of Columbia established in 1980 as a non-stock, nonprofit corporation. SURA serves as an entity through which colleges, universities, and other organizations may cooperate with one another, and with government and industry in acquiring, developing, and using laboratories and other research facilities and in furthering knowledge and the application of that knowledge in the physical, biological, and other natural sciences and engineering. For more information, visit www.sura.org.