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SURA Deeds Land for Major JLab Upgrade

WASHINGTON, DC – A proposed \$310 million upgrade of the Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility has moved a step closer to becoming a reality now that land needed for the project has been deeded to the U.S. Department of Energy.

Jefferson Lab, one of 13 national labs funded by DOE, plans to double the energy of its electron beam accelerator (from 6 GeV to 12 GeV) and construct a new experimental hall (Hall D). But before going forward with the upgrade, the DOE first needed to acquire 7 acres adjacent to Canon Boulevard to add to its existing 162-acre parcel.

DOE took ownership of the additional land this week from the Southeastern Universities Research Association. SURA is the majority owner of Jefferson Science Associates, LLC, the management and operating contractor of JLab for DOE.

“When the City of Newport News deeded to SURA a 44-acre plot at the beginning of construction of the lab in 1980s, few would have imagined the growth of this world-class facility and the world-class science it has accomplished,” said Jerry P. Draayer, SURA President & CEO. “SURA is honored to return a portion of that land now for the construction of Hall D, from which we’ll see an even greater return on our investment in science and education.”

The city’s contribution also included the primary support for SURA to construct the Residence Facility, which has been used over the past decade to house thousands of researchers at the Jefferson Lab.

SURA was originally awarded the contract to design the lab in 1983 and operated the lab following its completion until. Jefferson Science Associates was awarded the management and operations contract in April 2006.

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