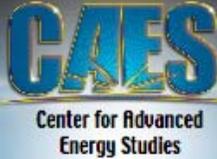




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## Highlights

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### Notable Accomplishments

- Construction of the CAES research building is fully underway. Land grading and foundation work are complete and construction remains on schedule for August 2008 occupancy. See the attached photos.
- The CAES management team briefed the Idaho congressional delegation staff, including Corey McDaniel, Knut Meyerin and John Revier, on August 10, 2007. Topics included CAES activities, Idaho science and technology student enrollments, and the continued support of CAES by the Idaho delegation.
- At the request of Dr. Vailas, CAES prepared a funding request on behalf of the three Idaho research universities to present to the Idaho State Board of Education. The Board accepted the Universities' request for additional salary lines and anticipates its final approval by the State.
- CAES initiated discussions with the Idaho Academy of Sciences to collaborate on the Academy's March 2008 symposium. This collaboration is an outgrowth of the CAES-sponsored university faculty tour of the INL this past May.
- The INL approved an additional \$500K for CAES infrastructure. The funds will support IT and phone hardware, and will provide a communications firewall within the CAES research building.
- In collaboration with INL Education Programs, CAES provided input to the National Science Board on the National Action Plan for Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics Education, proposing a much larger role for the national laboratories in the preparation of the nation's science, technology, engineering, and mathematics teachers.

### Work in Progress

- As of August 31, 2007 the 12 CAES LDRD projects support 20 students including both graduate and undergraduate students representing all three Idaho research universities.
- The American Nuclear Society (ANS) events committee requested CAES support for the upcoming Global 2007 conference to be held in Boise, Idaho on September 9-13, 2007. The CAES staff prepared a display to highlight the program's energy mission in education, policy, and research.

## Near-term Activities

- As construction of the CAES research facility is now underway, CAES will develop two planning documents. First drafts of the [CAES Building Occupancy Plan](#) and the [CAES Building Operations Plan](#) will be submitted to key contributors and stakeholders by mid October.

## CAES BUILDING IN PROGRESS



1. Excavation begins.



2. Excavation was completed, and foundation backfill placed.



3. South side foundation walls are poured and complete.



4. Floor support footings have been formed and are in the pour process.