

Laboratory Continuous Performance Improvement Program Meeting of October 3, 2012

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This group participated in a symposium at the Labs21 2012 Annual Conference to assist in advancing a plan to create a “Laboratory Continuous Performance Improvement System” to be implemented by I²SL in recognizing laboratories that maintain a commitment to sustained energy and environmental performance throughout their life cycle.

For several years, I²SL has offered a discussion and initial plans for creating this system at the Labs21 Annual Conferences. At Labs21 2012, the organization offered for review some ideas on next steps in developing this system. Specifically, I²SL invited participants to join I²SL as a member and commit to helping it shape this program.

An exchange of ideas and discussions led to a series of program elements that should be considered when formulating the system. These are:

- 1) Incorporate current standards and components of existing rating systems that are applicable to labs.

- 2) Incorporate tools that show best practices or case studies.
- 3) Establish benchmarks, not pre-requisites, to encourage tracking.
- 4) Minimize cost to utilize such a system.
- 5) Focus on changing user behaviors.
- 6) Utilize metering and dashboard to inform occupants.
- 7) Tiered system that can accommodate both new-comers and experienced owners/users.
- 8) Choice for outside auditors or self-reporting.
- 9) Recognize and promote the champion and a team.

Participants agreed that a series of next steps needed to be undertaken by a committee and possible working groups. The suggested steps are:

- a) Identify initial tasks and activities
- b) Collect and evaluate existing rating systems that may be incorporated
- c) Outline a system that contains the elements identified by these participants
- d) Present the outline at the 2013 I²SL Annual Conference in Minneapolis, September 24-26.