



The Secretary of Energy
Washington, DC 20585

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Greetings to the Department of Energy Licensing and Technology Transfer Community:

I am pleased to announce that the Department of Energy (DOE) was recently awarded the Licensing Executives Society's highest honor, the "Licensing Achievement Award" for 2004. The Licensing Executives Society (U.S.A. & Canada) is a professional society comprised of over 6,000 members who are involved in the transfer, use, development, manufacture, and marketing of intellectual property, including professionals in the field of law, academics, science, Government, and the private sector.

The Licensing Achievement Award recognizes leading organizations that promote intellectual property commercialization through licensing. In bestowing this award, the Licensing Executives Society recognizes the efforts of Federal and contractor personnel throughout the Department of Energy complex in DOE facilities and laboratories in facilitating the exploitation of federally-funded research and development programs for the benefit of the American public.

This award celebrates the success of the Department's Technology Transfer program, a program that has no single owner. Rather, the Department's Technology Transfer program is a cross-cutting mission activity in place at all 11 of DOE's National Laboratories and at 13 other DOE research and production facilities.

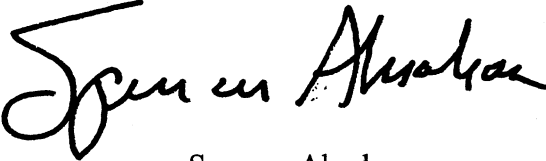
The reach and impact on the public of the Department's Technology Transfer program is demonstrated by the fact that in fiscal year 2003 alone, throughout DOE's laboratories and facilities, there were 1,469 invention disclosures; 866 patent applications filed; 627 patents issued; 3,687 active licenses; 661 active cooperative research and development agreements; 1,948 active work for others agreements with non-Federal sponsors; and over \$25 million in licensing income and royalties collected. Each of these transactions represents interactions among laboratory scientists, licensing personnel, lawyers, and private sector entities interested in transferring the benefits of scientific research from the laboratory to the marketplace. This Licensing Achievement Award recognizes the DOE community's efforts as a whole to fulfill the technology transfer mission of the Department. Benefits to the economy and public abound, include developments of new cancer treatments, a microbattery for medical and industrial uses,



decontamination solution for chemical and biological warfare agents, DNA testing systems for rapid detection of bio-threat agents, and a high-speed optical scanner designed for photovoltaic materials and devices to name a few.

Thank you for the contributions you make each day to the technology transfer mission. Your actions reflect well on your organizations and the Department of Energy as a whole.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Spencer Abraham". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large, sweeping initial "S".

Spencer Abraham