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The nation's research universities applaud the Department of Energy's vision in developing priorities for major scientific facilities that will further its science mission and advance the nation's scientific enterprise. This is a positive - and unprecedented - step by DOE, and we strongly endorse it. These new facilities and major scientific projects will enable university researchers and students from across the United States and around the world to explore and conquer new and exciting scientific frontiers.

What is most important is that the Department's priorities are based on the recommendations and input of the scientific community and DOE's own scientific advisory panels. AAU looks forward to working with DOE to ensure that the needed funding is provided to begin work on the initial projects, without squeezing out other important scientific research being supported by the Department.

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