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DOE R&D Tracking System

In November 1994, the Deputy Secretary of Energy asked a Department of Energy (DOE)-wide team to define a Research and Development (R&D) Tracking System Database for the Department. The system is sponsored by the Office of the Chief Financial Officer and maintained and operated by the Office of Scientific and Technical Information (OSTI). Tasks accomplished to date in support of this activity include the accumulation of over 50,000 R&D projects performed by the Department's National Laboratories, plants, and other installations since FY95; the establishment of a DOE R&D Steering Committee; the development of a Web accessible system for initial data review; the creation of the DOE R&D Tracking Home Page; and the creation of a publicly accessible Web database.

Status/Update

The R&D Tracking System Database provides a foundation for a Departmental corporate information management system. The system is a centrally managed database that contains key information on each R&D project sponsored or performed by DOE. The R&D Tracking System Database is used for a variety of needs, including responding to the annual Office of Science and Technology Policy (OSTP)/Critical Technologies Institute data call, as well as to numerous other external requirements and commitments; facilitating the Department's tracking of R&D projects; and reducing the time currently spent in responding to ad hoc data calls from both within and outside the Department.

R&D Home Page

The R&D home page is designed to share information about the project, disseminate guidance for the annual data calls, and solicit comments/feedback from the public

and the stakeholders involved. The URL for the Home Page is <http://www.osti.gov/rd>

R&D Products

R&D Tracking System Database

The R&D Tracking System Database provides an online/real-time mechanism for the Program Offices, the R&D stakeholders, and the DOE Laboratories to review, manage, update, and analyze the Department's multibillion-dollar R&D program. The system is accessible via an Internet browser and contains financial reports to provide an aggregate view of the Department's R&D. All of the data that are provided by the laboratories are contained in this database. The system is available to DOE federal staff and DOE contractor staff via user id and password.

R&D Project Summaries Web Database

The R&D Project Summaries Web Database is a reduced subset of the DOE R&D Tracking System Database. This database is accessible via the Internet, through

any standard Web browser, by all government, commercial, and foreign clients of DOE. Approximately 22,000 R&D projects performed since FY95 at the DOE National Laboratories and universities are contained in this system. The URL for this system is <http://www.osti.gov/rd>

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