

Department of Energy

Fiscal Year 2021 Conference Activity

Conferences play an important role in advancing the Department of Energy's (DOE) priorities by providing opportunities for collaboration with academia, the scientific community, and other stakeholders on our national security, environment, energy, and science missions. While conferences serve a valuable purpose, DOE continues to manage conference activity in a cost-effective manner that demonstrates responsible stewardship of taxpayer dollars.

To ensure costs were appropriately controlled when sponsoring or approving participation in a conference, DOE confirmed that all conference activity supported the Department's mission, costs were minimized, and conference planners, sponsors, and attendees understood their responsibility to conserve funds. The Department adhered to widely-accepted cost control measures such as ensuring conference attendance was necessary, encouraging the use of Federal Facilities, consolidation of conferences, limitation of food and beverage, early planning, exploring the feasibility of conducting virtual conferences, adhering to government travel restrictions.

In Fiscal Year (FY) 2021, two Program Offices within the Department hosted a total of two Agency-Sponsored reportable conferences, a decrease in conference activity from FY 2020. As a result of travel restrictions related to COVID-19, both events were held virtually.

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<p>HELD VIRTUALLY - 2020 DOE CarbonX Innovation XLab Summit on Carbon Reactions, Carbon Cross-sections, and Carbon Materials</p>	<p>The InnovationXLab Summit series are events hosted by National Labs all over the country. These events showcase the innovation and technologies emerging in a variety of fields that are the focuses of the Department of Energy (DOE). National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) was requested by DOE Headquarters to host this event and the lab chose to focus on three tracks: Carbon Reactions, Carbon Cross-sections, and Carbon Materials. NETL hosted and also provided an exhibit. This event was an excellent opportunity to showcase NETL's technical resources and capabilities to attendees hailing from private companies and universities, as well as investors and key industry representatives.</p>	<p>21 – 22 October, 2020</p>	<p>Virtual</p>	<p>DC, USA</p>	<p>161</p>	<p>\$196,728</p>

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HELD VIRTUALLY - Community of Interest Workshop (on Future Scientific Methodologies)	<p>The Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science's (SC) national laboratories will evolve greatly over the next 10-30 years, including in the science performed, scientific methodologies employed, facilities operated, and users supported. To inform its future planning, this exploratory workshop examined how this evolution will shape, and be shaped by, the computational fabric: the data, storage, computing, and network infrastructure, and the methods and software that scientists and engineers use to leverage that infrastructure. This workshop provided a unique opportunity to envision and influence these changes. We sought the broadest possible set of perspectives on how these changes will impact how DOE/SC serves as an exemplar of 21st Century discovery science.</p>	2 - 6 November, 2020	Virtual	DC, USA	138	\$154,636