

# Interim Report Public Comments

Commission to Review the Effectiveness of the National Energy Laboratories

February 24, 2015

# Summary of Comments

- Although Secretary Moniz has considerably encouraged the **National Laboratory Director's Council**, it was formally established prior to his tenure
- **Benefits of the GOGO model:** The GOGO model has benefited the nation, and these benefits are not currently explicit in the interim report.
- **User facilities created based on mission need of DOE/SC:** In Chapter 4, the Commission correctly highlights that the user facilities support the broader S&T community and many of their researchers are funded by NIH and by NSF.

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- **Origin of Nanoscale Research Centers:** Location selection was done by BES using peer-review competition.
- Some of the **Office of Science FACA advisory committees**, such as HEPAP, are jointly chartered by DOE and NSF. These committees are also increasingly including international participation.
- **Nuance about Fermilab transition in response to P-5 Report:** Fermilab is focusing much of its research on neutrino physics *using its accelerator complex*.