

United States Department of Energy

Secretary's Achievement Award

Presented to

The Office of Science's Berkeley Laboratory Laser Accelerator Project

The Berkeley Laboratory Laser Accelerator (BELLA) project team successfully designed and constructed a world-record-setting laser system and state-of-the-art scientific facility to advance research in liquid plasma acceleration. The project overcame extraordinary technical challenges, tight funding constraints, and a race to start scientific research ahead of other emerging facilities around the world. Now operational, BELLA is operating at unprecedented performance levels and is enabling breakthrough advances in liquid plasma acceleration. Because of the significant success of the project, BELLA's industry partner (Thales) received the International Project Management Association's 2013 Project Excellence Award for Big-Sized Projects. The project team is commended for their outstanding ingenuity and exceptional project performance.



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Secretary of Energy

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