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NETL'S CHORPENING RECEIVES 2012 EXCELLENCE IN GOVERNMENT AWARD

Morgantown, W.Va. —

The National Energy Technology Laboratory's (NETL) Ben Chorpening has been selected by the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board (FEB) for two Excellence in Government Bronze Awards: one for the Raman Sensor Team and one for Community Service. The Awards were presented at the 29th annual Awards Program luncheon at the Westin Convention Center Hotel in Pittsburgh on Friday, May 25.

Out of the 160 nominations FEB received from regional Federal organizations, NETL was lauded with 3 Gold Awards, 2 Silver Awards, and 5 Bronze Awards. Representatives from 16 Federal agencies, acting as an FEB awards committee, made the semi-final selections, and a panel of representatives from the business and civic community chose the final selections.

Chorpening earned his Bronze Community Service Award for his volunteer work as an officer of the Monongalia Youth Soccer Association, which runs recreational soccer in the spring and fall for about 1200 youth in Monongalia County, West Virginia.

Chorpening has been with NETL for 10 years, performing research and development on advanced sensors to improve efficiency and reduce emissions from power generation and on oxy-fuel combustion for advanced power generation systems with carbon capture. He grew up in Ashland, Ohio, and earned a B.S. in mechanical engineering from Ohio University (Athens, Ohio) and an M.S. and Ph.D. in mechanical engineering from the University of Illinois (Urbana, Ill). He lives in Morgantown, W.Va., with his wife and their three children.

NETL is a U.S. Department of Energy national laboratory that produces technological solutions to America's energy challenges. For more than 100 years, the laboratory has focused on developing tools and processes to provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy to the American people. Three NETL research sites—Albany, Ore., Morgantown, W.Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa.—conduct a broad range of energy and environmental research and development activities that support DOE's mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States.

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