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Partners Needed to Collaborate on R&D for Chemicals Industry

The Chemical Industry Vision2020 Technology Partnership (Vision2020) and the Council for Chemical Research (CCR) will hold a unique *Workshop to Identify Research Collaborations* on December 2, 2004, in Baltimore, MD. Technical experts and R&D managers are invited to join this one-day workshop to develop new R&D partnerships. Participants will generate ideas for innovative R&D projects, describe the economic benefits, find complementary R&D partners, and identify potential sources of project funding. The workshop will focus on funding opportunities with the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) and the National Science Foundation (NSF).

Vision2020 and CCR are sponsoring this event to bring together potential partners from academia, government, and private industry. "We're creating an environment for key players to discover new opportunities for working together on areas of importance to the chemical industry," said Jack Solomon, chair of Vision2020. "Our goal is to secure funding for innovative research that can deliver realistic economic benefits," he explained.

Program managers from DOE and NSF will present their research focus areas and identify available funding in five areas: alternative energy production, storage and transmission, alternative fossil based feedstocks and chemistries, energy efficient process alternatives, energy conversion, and environmental science. Researchers will then describe their interest areas and expertise. Participants will scope out difficult scientific or technological challenges that could be effectively tackled by the available resources to produce important economic and societal benefits.

Early registration for the workshop is encouraged. To see a preliminary agenda and register, visit our website at <http://www.chemicalvision2020.org/collaboration.html>.

R&D collaboration helps to ensure the long-term competitiveness of the U.S. chemical industry. Vision2020's goal is to accelerate innovation and technology development by leveraging financial and technical resources. Vision2020 members include Air Products and Chemicals, BP, Cargill, Ciba Specialty Chemicals, Dow Chemical Company, Eastman Chemical Company, Honeywell International Inc., E.I. du Pont de Nemours and Company, General Electric Company, Praxair Inc., Rohm and Haas Company, American Chemical Society, American Institute of Chemical Engineers, Materials technology Institute Inc., and CCR.