



## *Press Release*

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### **Statement by Jerry P. Draayer** **President & CEO, SURA** **Co-Vice Chair, Board of Directors, Jefferson Science Associates, LLC**

Each year, the U.S. Department of Energy's Office of Science provides Performance Evaluation Reports on the scientific, technological, managerial, and operational performance of the contractors who manage and operate each of its ten national laboratories. SURA is the majority and administrative/tax partner of Jefferson Science Associates, LLC, the management and operating contractor for DOE's Thomas Jefferson National Accelerator Facility. Like DOE, JSA is proud of the work and performance in FY15 by all those associated with Jefferson Lab.

We were especially pleased this year that DOE gave an "A" rating on goal 1 in the assessment – Mission Accomplishment (Quality and Productivity of Research and Development). This was consistent with our strong grade in FY14, and was the only "A" for that goal among the 10 DOE science labs. Additionally, we improved our grade on goal 2 (Construction and Operation of Research Facilities) from a B+ to an A-, an acknowledgement of the strong performance by lab leadership as it nears completion of the \$330M 12 GeV Upgrade Project. The Lab's management of environment, health & safety; business systems; facilities and infrastructure; and safeguards and security was also rated B+, evidencing the highly effective programs in place to support the science mission. However, DOE has given JSA a "B" for the Leadership and Stewardship goal, a change from last year's "A-", due primarily to a technology transfer issue that called for closer consultation with DOE during the process of negotiation with industry. JSA believes it has since addressed these concerns to the satisfaction of DOE, and are confident that this will be reflected in our assessment for FY16. However, due to the weighting methodology within DOE's appraisal system, JSA will not earn a one-year extension to its contract, which currently runs through May 2019.

JSA and the Jefferson Lab leadership are committed to fulfilling DOE's expectations and to meeting and exceeding the appropriately high mission expectations for this exceptional national laboratory.

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