

I. Committee Membership

The Committee of Visitors (COV) met on April 22 and 23, 2015 to review programs in the Division of Chemical, Bioengineering, Environmental, and Transport Systems (CBET) in the Directorate for Engineering. The COV Committee was composed of 16 members from the scientific and engineering community chosen for their breadth of expertise and experience in fields associated with CBET. The 16 COV members composed a diverse committee with respect to geography, type of institution, gender, ethnicity, age, sector (private and government), and scientific representation. The specific composition of the COV Committee membership was as follows:

Geographic and Demographic Representation

Geographic Region:

- Northeast (6)
- Southeast (2)
- Southwest (3)
- West (2)
- Midwest (2)
- Northwest (1)

Industry/Government (3): NREL (Government), Dow Chemical (Industry), DuPont (Industry)

Institution Types:

- 4 Private Educational Institutions
- 9 Public Educational Institutions
- 1 Government Agency
- 2 Private Industry

Demographics: 63% (10/16) female, 37% (6/16) male. COV members represented diversity in age and heritage.

Programmatic Representation

All members currently conduct or have conducted research in those disciplines, fields, or activities that are affected by CBET awards/outcomes and are representatives of the CBET programs under review.

II. Conflict of Interest Report

A Conflict of Interest (COI) briefing was provided to all members prior to conducting COV-related activities. A COI briefing was also conducted at the start of the COV

meeting by a certified NSF (ENG) COI Officer. All COV members completed the NSF COI form (NSF 1230P). All members of the COV were barred from seeing proposals from their home institution. None of the COV members was involved in the review of a program in which he or she had a pending proposal. The ENG COI officer was available at all times during the COV meeting to answer questions and/or resolve issues regarding conflicts of interest. No real or apparent conflicts arose during the course of the COV review of CBET programs.