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American Museum of Science and Energy Foundation signs cooperative agreement with U.S. Department of Energy

Agreement creates new relationship between the AMSE Foundation and DOE.

Oak Ridge, TN - February 2021 - The American Museum of Science and Energy (AMSE) Foundation has signed a three-year Cooperative Agreement (CA) with the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Office of Science effective on March 1, 2021.

The agreement entrusts the AMSE Foundation with leading AMSE and K-25 History Center daily operations, mission advancement, fundraising, collections management, and developing partnerships, among other activities. DOE will remain substantially involved with the AMSE Foundation on public education and outreach, STEM, exhibits display and management, and fostering overall AMSE and K-25 History Center advancement.

"This is a huge milestone for AMSE," said Jim Campbell, AMSE Foundation President. "After 73 years of proud service and partnership with the Department of Energy (DOE), we are excited to build on our rich history and celebrate a bright future."

"The AMSE Foundation, rebuilt with a diverse set of local leaders over the past several years, is honored to be taking the day-to-day reins of this vital part of the Oak Ridge community," said Alan Lowe, AMSE Director. "Local management of a true national and historic treasure, with the continued backing of federal partners and of our incredible supporters in Oak Ridge and around the globe, will help us continue to grow the tremendous success of AMSE and the K-25 History Center."

For many years, AMSE operations have been funded by DOE through subcontracts with for-profit corporations, with the Foundation in a supporting role. The CA puts the Foundation and its local leadership at the forefront of the museums' mission: AMSE and the K-25 History Center build upon the impressive history of scientific advances in Oak Ridge to show the vital importance of science and engineering in our past, present and future, and to contribute to a deeper understanding of the STEAM disciplines. That mission in turn is aimed at accomplishing the overall AMSE and K-25 History Center vision of serving as world leaders in advancing the knowledge of and appreciation for science and engineering education, research and applications.

Though currently closed as a physical destination due to COVID-19, on March 1st, AMSE will begin highlighting a series of new and continuing programs called "Destination AMSE" that are helping it to be a powerful force in the teaching of science, technology, engineering, the arts, and mathematics. "Destination AMSE" will celebrate a multitude of currently available virtual educational resources and online offerings, including exceptional experiences such as the new AMSEcast podcast and other exciting additions to come when AMSE and the K-25 History Center are able to reopen at a date to be determined. For additional information and to become a part of the AMSE future, please visit <https://amse.org/>



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