

Accelerating Discovery to Commercialization

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Len Peters will welcome conference participants and challenge them to bring a new level of enthusiasm and commitment to microtechnology and nanoscience efforts in 2004 and beyond. At the dawn of the 21st century, it is clear that fundamental discoveries at the micro/nano level will be critical for bringing about new environmental, energy, and national and homeland security solutions. Dr. Peters will discuss several technologies developed at PNNL and how the Laboratory has pursued the path from discovery to marketplace. With Oregon and the Pacific Northwest continuing to experience fluctuations in economic development and growth, Dr. Peters believes now is the time for research organizations, universities, state agencies, private industry, entrepreneurs, and others to step up, jointly marshal their resources, and realize the economic and social promise of microtechnology and nanoscience.