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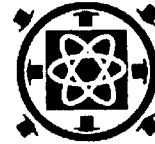
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Subject: Invitation to Join the Senior Advisory Board of SMiRT 22 (22<sup>nd</sup> International Conference on Structural Mechanics in Reactor Technology)

Dear Addressee:

It is our pleasure to invite you to become a member of the Senior Advisory Board of SMiRT 22, which will be held in San Francisco on August 18-24, 2013. The Board consists of leaders of the U.S. and European nuclear industries and government organizations. A list of the Board members will be distributed once we have the concurrence of the invitees.

SMiRT, sponsored by the International Association for Structural Mechanics in Reactor Technology (IASMiRT), is the leading international conference on issues related to structural mechanics and safety; it has been held biennially in Europe, Asia and the Americas since 1971. Bechtel Power Corporation and the American Association for SMiRT (AASMiRT) are co-hosting SMiRT 22.

The members of the Board may provide thematic guidance to the conference Chairman and encourage participation in the conference, but no meetings of the Board are planned and no time commitment is expected. The Board members, however, are invited to participate in the Leadership Forum during the Opening Ceremonies on August 19, 2013, and we would very much like to have you participate.

SMiRT 22 will present the contents of its traditional 10 divisions that cover most aspects of structural mechanics. Special and extended sessions are planned to disseminate the outcome of the NRC research work on seismic ground motion for the Eastern U.S. (NGA-East) and lessons learned from the Fukushima Daiichi accident. Reliability assessment and evaluation of plant performance for beyond design events will be emphasized in this international forum.

For the United States, SMiRT 22 is an opportunity to showcase our world leadership in nuclear technology, and seizing this opportunity has broad implications for competitiveness of the industry. We hope you will accept our invitation, and we look forward to your suggestions.

Best regards,

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