FY2011 ITP Budget Memo

AMMEX is surprised and disappointed in DOE's 2011 budget request for the Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy's (EERE) Industrial Technologies Program (ITP). The budget request is misguided, both in the overall spending level and in the allocation of funds within the program.

- The FY 2011 budget cuts the longstanding Industries of the Future (IOF) program to only $2,627,000, down from $12,121,000 in 2009. AMMEX recommends that this be increased to $25,000,000 in 2011, and scaled up to $50,000,000 over the next few years.

- The Industrial Assessment Center (IAC) program has historically been funded at $8,000,000 per year, but its funding has recently been cut by half. AMMEX strongly recommends that the program be returned to its $8,000,000 funding level for FY 2011 and beyond.

- ITP's Combined Heat and Power (CHP) program's proposed budget of $25,727,000 is significantly less than its height of $65,000,000. While it is understandable that the current economic climate is constraining funding for this program, AMMEX believes that increasing the funding for the CHP program to $29,000,000 will be a step in the right direction toward allowing the program to operate more effectively and help stimulate investments in efficient CHP and waste heat recovery.

- AMMEX also supports additional funding for distributed energy grant and loan programs, which were previously authorized in sections 451 and 471 of the Energy Independence and Security Act of 2007.

The following graph displays ITP's budget since 1998, including ITP funding for combined heat and power, IACs, cross-cutting R&D, and Industries of the Future R&D. AMMEX's recommendation for FY 2011 is shown at the right.

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Notes:
- 2011 AMMEX recommendation includes: $25M for Industry Specific R&D, $55M for Cross Cutting RD&D, $3M for the IAC program, and $23M for Combined Heat & Power (CHP)
- IAC and CHP funding are subsets of "Cross Cutting RD&D"
- 2009 Recovery Act funds not included.

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