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Background

The US Department of Energy (DOE) has funded Purdue University School of Nuclear Engineering during the period of five academic years covered in this report starting in the academic year 1996-97 and ending in the academic year 2000-2001. The total amount of funding for the grant received from DOE is \$416K.

In the 1990's, Nuclear Engineering Education in the US experienced a significant slow down. Student enrollment, research support, number of degrees at all levels (BS, MS, and PhD), number of accredited programs, University Research and Training Reactors, all went through a decline to alarmingly low levels. Several departments closed down, while some were amalgamated with other academic units (Mechanical Engineering, Chemical Engineering, etc).

The School of Nuclear Engineering at Purdue University faced a major challenge when in the mid 90's our total undergraduate enrollment for the Sophomore, Junior and Senior Years dropped in the low 30's. The DOE Matching Grant program greatly strengthened Purdue's commitment to the Nuclear Engineering discipline and has helped to dramatically improve our undergraduate and graduate enrollment, attract new faculty and raise the School of Nuclear Engineering status within the University and in the National scene (our undergraduate enrollment has actually tripled and stands at an all time high of over 90 students; total enrollment currently exceeds 110 students).

In this final technical report we outline and summarize how the grant was expended at Purdue University.

Student Support

Student support totaled \$158K or 38% of the total five year expenditure under the DOE Matching Grant program. This is by far the largest component of total expenditure. Twenty graduate students have been supported by the program, the vast majority being domestic students. Several domestic undergraduates were recruited for graduate school and supported from the program in total or in part (T. Kozlowski, J. Walters, C. Culbertson, D. Pollock, S. Spillane, M. Bartel, S. Spooner, T. Fieno, J. Steil, B. Henning, R. Bean). One female student (Lori Croy) transferred from the Department of Earth and Atmospheric Sciences and obtained her graduate degree (MS) in Nuclear Engineering at Purdue. In addition two Kansas State University (KSU) students (D. Tinkler and R. Reneke) were recruited to pursue their graduate education at Purdue (after the Department of Nuclear Engineering at KSU was eliminated). Five additional students (V. Krishnan, S. Leonardi, J. Chai, F. Zhong, A. Radhakrishnan) were supported in part during their graduate education at Purdue.

Computer Support for Students and Faculty

Several workstations were purchased either completely through the grant or via matching support funds from the grant. The total number of workstations is 27 of which 22 were purchased to upgrade the undergraduate computing laboratory and five were purchased to support the faculty of the School; particularly two new female faculty members (Professors Karen Vierow and Tatjana Jevremovic) recruited by the School. Total expenditure for workstation purchases is \$94,644.54.

Reactor Expenditures

The Purdue University Reactor 1 (PUR-1) is a pool type reactor commissioned in the early 60's, mostly used for undergraduate and graduate instruction. Several hardware items were purchased to support reactor operations using the DOE Matching Grant funds. Detail descriptions are found the Annual Reports. The total amount for the five year period is \$10,307.94

Miscellaneous Hardware

Several laboratory items were purchased through the grant including, undergraduate radiation lab supplies, peripherals, student design competition equipment, digital camera and supplies, and thermal-hydraulic lab upgrade hardware. The total amount expended in the five-year period covered by the report is \$33,558.21.

Miscellaneous for School Support

The total amount expended in this category is \$3,482.50. It includes publication/duplication and miscellaneous costs associated with research and education at the School of Nuclear Engineering.

Summary of Expenditures

\$3,482.50 TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS

\$10,307.94 TOTAL REACTOR

\$94,644.54 COMPUTERS FOR STUDENTS, FACULTY, STAFF

\$33,558.21 MISC. COMPUTERS, DIGITAL CAMERA SUPPLIES,

\$158,006.81 TOTAL FELLOWSHIP SUPPORT

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RICHARD RENNEKE
DANIEL TINKLER
JOSHUA WALTERS
CHRIS CULBERTSON
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