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Dr. Paul Tikalsky Dean Engineering Oklahoma State University Stillwater, OK 74078

Dear Dr. Tikalsky:

Clemson University and CNBC are partnering with Securing America's Future Energy (SAFE), which is in its second year of offering the SAFE Energy Security Prize. The prize is designed to support the critical efforts of researchers whose ingenuity, leadership and perseverance are poised to advance American energy security by helping bring an end to U.S. oil dependence.

The winner of the 2015 SAFE Energy Security Prize will receive a \$125,000 cash award, powered by The InterTech Group. The prize is being given in memory of the company's founder, president and CEO, Jerry Zucker. An outstanding engineer and businessman, Mr. Zucker was dedicated to fostering the next generation of game changers.

Please share information about this prize with your colleagues who are pursuing energy research and energy technology advancements.

To learn more about the application and evaluation process, please go to the SAFE Energy Security Prize website <u>secureenergy.org/prize</u>. I hope what you learn will encourage you and your colleagues to apply.

Sincerely,

Anand Gramopadhye

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