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**NETL Employee Recognized with Regional Award**



**Pittsburgh, Pa.** – The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL) announced that Colleen Butcher has been awarded a Gold Medal Award for Excellence by the Pittsburgh Federal Executive Board (FEB) in the Heroic Act category for serving as a living organ donor for a fellow employee.

FEB held the 2016 annual Excellence in Government Awards Program luncheon at the Westin Convention Center in Pittsburgh. In total, NETL employees took home three awards—two Gold Awards and one Silver Award. The awards program recognizes outstanding federal employees for their efforts, leadership, and/or initiative; encourages innovation and

excellence in government; reinforces pride in federal service; and helps call public attention to the broad range of services provided by federal employees.

Butcher’s selfless act as a living organ donor changed the life of a fellow employee. Colleen underwent days of testing, hours of surgery, and months of recuperation to help make someone else’s quality of life better, and longer.

In the organ recipient’s words, “I cannot overstate the personal sacrifice and tremendous and selfless gift that Colleen Butcher made to me. Her generosity is second to no one I know. Not only is Colleen Butcher my personal hero, she is an example of outstanding courage and generosity. Clearly, her courage, generosity, and sacrifice exemplify excellence in government service.”

The Pittsburgh FEB is comprised of more than 100 Federal agencies and over 20,000 Federal employees in the Pittsburgh region. FEBs, established by Presidential Directive in 1961, are a forum for communication and collaboration among federal agencies outside of Washington, DC. Approximately 85 percent of all Federal employees work outside the National Capital Region.

NETL is a U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) national laboratory that produces technological solutions to America's energy challenges. For more than 100 years, the laboratory has focused on developing tools and processes to provide clean, reliable, and affordable energy to the American people. Three NETL research sites—Albany, Ore., Morgantown, W.Va., and Pittsburgh, Pa.—conduct a broad range of energy and environmental research and development activities that support DOE's mission to advance the national, economic, and energy security of the United States.

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