

# NREL Foundation is now the Foundation for the National Laboratory of the Rockies; Appoints Two New Board Members

*Updated name reflects alignment with the National Laboratory of the Rockies as the Laboratory's charitable partner*

GOLDEN , CO, UNITED STATES, March 4, 2026 /EINPresswire.com/ -- The NREL Foundation announced today that it has formally changed its name to the [Foundation for the National Laboratory](#)

[of the Rockies](#), following completion of a revised License Agreement with the U.S. Department of Energy. The Foundation also announced the appointment of Heather Reams and Kian Nobari to its Board of Directors.

The updated name reflects alignment with the National Laboratory of the Rockies (NLR) and clarifies the Foundation's role as the Laboratory's designated charitable foundation.

The Foundation's mission remains unchanged: to advance an affordable and secure energy future by expanding the impact of NLR's research and innovation through partnerships and philanthropic support.

Reams brings deep experience in energy policy leadership, nonprofit governance, and energy advocacy. At the same time, Nobari brings a background in finance, investment advisory services, and operational leadership across energy, real estate, and mission-driven organizations. Together, they add valuable perspectives that will support the Foundation's long-term priorities and strengthen its engagement with philanthropic and strategic partners.

"We are pleased to formally launch the Foundation for the National Laboratory of the Rockies and to welcome two outstanding new leaders to our Board," said Wendolyn Holland, Chair and President of the Foundation. "This moment reflects both continuity and momentum. Our mission remains the same, and our leadership is strengthened as we expand the reach and impact of the Laboratory's work."

All programs, partnerships, collaborations, and fundraising initiatives continue without

The logo for the Foundation for the National Laboratory of the Rockies, featuring the word "FOUNDATION" in large white letters on a blue background, with "for the National Laboratory of the Rockies" in smaller white letters below it.

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About the Foundation for the National Laboratory of the Rockies

The Foundation for the National Laboratory of the Rockies is the designated charitable foundation supporting the National Laboratory of the Rockies. Its mission is to advance an affordable and secure energy future by expanding the reach and impact of the Laboratory's research and innovation through philanthropy, partnerships, and strategic collaboration. Learn more at <https://foundationnlr.org/>.

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