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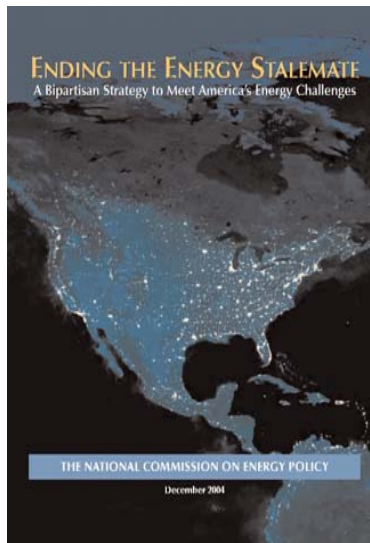
Energy Commission Report Helps Frame U.S. Energy Debate

After more than two years in development, the National Commission on Energy Policy released its groundbreaking report, "Ending the Energy Stalemate: A Bipartisan Strategy to Meet America's Energy Challenges" in December, 2004.

The report, which offers a detailed set of recommendations on oil security, climate change, and other key energy concerns, has emerged as a key discussion point in the debate over energy policy. *The Economist* referred to the report as "arguably the first serious practical attempt to deal

with the various problems America faces." *The Christian Science Monitor* called the report "a template for an urgently needed energy policy that the new Congress must consider."

The Commission, funded by the Hewlett Foundation, the Pew Charitable Trusts, the David and Lucile Packard Foundation, the John D. and Catherine T. MacArthur Foundation, and the Energy Foundation, is composed of 18 experts from industry, government, labor, academia, and environmental and consumer groups. The report's findings and recommendations were backed by more than 30 original research studies.



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Foundation Announces \$44.86 Million in New Grants

The William and Flora Hewlett Foundation has authorized \$44,858,748 in new grants to a total of 175 different organizations,

including:

Education - Providing Support for California's Teachers

The Foundation announced a total of \$6,158,000 in grants to education programs nationwide, including a \$1,500,000 grant to the Santa Cruz-based Center for the Future of Teaching and Learning. This grant will provide much-needed research and outreach that will focus on improving teacher quality, ensuring that fully prepared teachers are available to all students, and developing teaching strategies for English language learners and special education students.

Environment - Helping Vulnerable Communities Fight Air Pollution

The Foundation announced \$12,340,000 in grants

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Women's Issues Central to Poverty Reduction

Key findings in a report recently released by the UN Millennium Project with support from the Hewlett Foundation highlight the cross-cutting role reproductive health and voluntary family planning play in the UN's efforts to reduce poverty. "The recommendations provide further evidence that...ensuring universal access to reproductive health is critical to attaining the world's poverty reduction and development," said Thoraya Ahmed Obaid, Executive Director of the United Nations Population Fund, in a recent press release.

The UN's Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) target a drastic reduction in worldwide poverty by 2015. The MDGs have been accepted as an international framework for charting development progress. The Millennium Project is an independent advisory body commissioned by the United Nations Secretary-General to advise the UN in implementing the MDGs. On January 17, the Millennium Project released a

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The Hewlett Foundation makes grants to solve some of the most difficult social and environmental problems facing society. The Foundation focuses its grantmaking on activities in education, environment, global development, performing arts, philanthropy, population, and makes grants to support disadvantaged communities in the San Francisco Bay Area.

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Grants

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from its Environment Program, including \$425,000 in grants to a host of grassroots organizations working for clean air in low income California communities.

Organizations receiving funding include: the Liberty Hill Foundation, which works with a host of community groups in Los Angeles; the Center on Race, Poverty, and the Environment, which provides legal support to community-based organizations; and East Yard Communities for Environmental Justice, an organization working to reduce air pollution in Los Angeles ports.

Global Development – Assisting Nonprofits in Mexico

The Foundation's new Global Development Program is making grants to alleviate poverty in the developing world, and announced \$4,533,000 in new grants. The new program will also continue key aspects of the Foundation's former U.S.-Latin American Relations Program. Part of the new program's evolving strategy will include a focus on supporting a vibrant civil society in Mexico by supporting the development of local philanthropic organizations. In this area, the Foundation has awarded \$175,000 to FECHAC (Fundación del Empresariado Chihuahaense), an organization based in Chihuahua, Mexico, that provides resources and assistance to community-based organizations in that region.



Performing Arts - Supporting Bay Area Music

The San Francisco Bay Area is one of the most vibrant and diverse musical environments in the country, and the Hewlett Foundation provides support to a wide spectrum of music organizations through its Performing Arts Program. The current set of grants is dedicated to helping to continue the important contribution that music plays in the education, economic development, and quality of life for audiences and communities throughout the Bay Area. The Foundation has announced that it will make \$5,267,000 in grants to organizations that span the musical spectrum – 37 in all – from American Bach Soloists to San Jose Jazz to the world music venue Ashkenaz.

Philanthropy – Strengthening the Field of Philanthropy

The Philanthropy Program makes grants to support organizations that conduct research, educate donors, and provide a variety of tools to advance the field of philanthropy. The program has awarded \$520,875 in new grants, including a \$200,000 grant to Social Venture Partners International, which will help strengthen their network of over two thousand donors in twenty three cities throughout North America.

Population – New Approaches to HIV/AIDS and Reproductive Health Services

The Population Program has made \$8,356,945 in grants, including a planning grant of \$75,000 to Oxfam Great Britain to learn how to better coordinate efforts in Africa to provide both HIV/AIDS and family planning/reproductive health services. The grant will begin by focusing on two African countries, Mozambique and Malawi, and could prove to be a model for programs throughout southern Africa.



Regional Grants - Helping Bay Area Students Succeed

The Hewlett Foundation has had a long history of making grants to support disadvantaged communities in the Bay Area. The Foundation's new Regional Grants Program will continue that work in collaboration with the Foundation's other programs, and in partnership with other grantmaking organizations. The program has awarded \$1,296,210 in new grants, including a \$500,000 grant to the East Palo Alto-based BUILD (Businesses United in Investing, Lending and Development), an organization that helps disadvantaged students in East Palo Alto graduate from high school and go on to college. ■

Energy Commission

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As the debate over the future of American energy policy continues, the report offers a practical path to securing the country's energy needs. Among its recommendations are: significantly strengthening federal fuel economy standards; mandatory curbs on carbon linked to a trading system — with a “safety valve” to avoid excessive costs; increased funding for an Alaskan natural gas pipeline, and focusing government money on “clean coal” technologies and advanced nuclear power plants.

“Political and regional polarization has produced an energy stalemate, preventing America from adopting sensible approaches to some of our biggest energy problems,” said John W. Rowe, Commission co-chair and Chairman and CEO of Exelon Corp. “Our Commission reached consensus on effective policies because of a willingness to take on cherished myths from both right and left.” ■

Bus Rapid Transit Opens in China

With technical assistance from the Energy Foundation, a Hewlett grantee, Beijing has opened Phase I of China's first Bus Rapid Transit (BRT) system. Phase I covers the first third of a 16 km corridor that will run from the urban center to the southern suburbs. The rest of the corridor will open in late 2005. This system is similar in sophistication to the most advanced BRT systems in the world, but will need to be expanded into a full network of corridors to realize its full potential. ■

Millennium Project

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series of reports from its 10 task forces containing recommendations for meeting the ambitious 2015 deadline.

The Hewlett Foundation, along with the Gates, Packard, and Ford Foundations, funded work by the Millennium Project on reproductive health, including the appointment of a Policy Advisor for Sexual and Reproductive Health, to meet the express desires of task force members to increase their expertise. Stan Bernstein, former Senior Research Advisor for the United Nations Population Fund, worked with the task forces to identify and incorporate the role of reproductive health in achieving each of the MDGs.

Expanding access to sexual and reproductive health, information and services, including family planning and contraception information and services, was featured as one of 17 “quick wins” at the reports' launch. A quick win is defined as a policy that would swiftly improve millions of lives in the developing world.

Speaking at the launch of the Millennium Development Project reports, Dr. Geeta Rao Gupta, a coordinator for the task force on Education and Gender Equality and President of the International Center for Research on Women, said that investments in women are not to be viewed as side items or as producing marginal gains, but as central to the progress toward achievement of the Goals. “In this year of development, reproductive health and voluntary family planning is re-emerging as a central priority to helping women and children climb out of poverty,” Dr. Gupta said later. ■



Dr. Geeta Rao Gupta speaking at the launch of the Millennium Project reports.



Yassine Fall, economist from Senegal and Senior Project Advisor on Gender Equality for the UN Millennium Project.



Professor Jeffrey Sachs, Director of the UN Millennium Project and Special Advisor to UN Secretary-General Kofi Annan, speaks with Mary Clymont, President and CEO of InterAction, a Hewlett Foundation grantee.



At the Foundation

Catherine M. Casserly has joined the Education Program as a program officer. She was formerly a consultant. She will be primarily responsible for technology-based grants in the area of open content. Catherine has a Ph.D. in the economics of education from Stanford University and a B.A. in mathematics from Boston College. She previously worked for the Walter S. Johnson Foundation as program officer for evaluation and was a policy analyst for SRI International. She was a volunteer teacher in Kingston, Jamaica, teaching mathematics at the middle and high school level.

Glen Galaich has joined The Philanthropy Workshop West as the associate director, alumni relations. Prior to joining TPW, Glen was the Northern California Director for Human Rights Watch and Deputy Director for the Global Philanthropy Forum. Glen holds a Ph.D. and M.A. from the University of Colorado at Boulder in political science and a B.A. in political science from the University of California, San Diego.

Lissa Keigwin has joined the Education Program as an administrative assistant. She is a graduate of the University of California, San Diego with a B.A. in communications. An accomplished musician, Lissa plays the piano, guitar, and French horn.

Massooda Maqdoor has joined the accounting department. Massooda attends California State University, Hayward, where she is majoring in accounting.

Ana Wiechers-Marshall has been named the director of investment research and public investments for the Foundation. Prior to joining the Foundation, she was Senior Portfolio Manager of Global Equities at RCM Capital Management and a portfolio manager on the global investment team at Bank of America's Private Bank and Trust Division. Ana graduated *magna cum laude* from University of San Diego with a

degree in economics and earned her Chartered Financial Analyst designation in 1989.

Andrew McCelland has joined The Philanthropy Workshop West as a project associate. He holds a B.A. in international relations and has completed graduate course work in agricultural and resource economics. Prior to joining the Hewlett Foundation, Andrew was a campaign consultant for a congressional candidate from Arizona.

Linh To has joined the IT department as a helpdesk analyst. Linh graduated from San Jose State University with a B.S. in Management Information Systems. She has more than two years of experience in helpdesk support.

Jacqueline Torres has joined the Environment Program as a program assistant. She holds dual degrees in political science and Spanish from Santa Clara University. Jacqueline volunteers with the after-school program at Sacred Heart parish in San Jose, helping Spanish-speaking children with schoolwork.

Anya Vodopyanov has joined the Global Development Program as a research assistant. She is a graduate of Stanford University with a B.A. in political science and history, and honors in international security studies.

Phoenix Wang has joined the Education Program as an associate program officer. Her focus is on technology-based grants in the area of open content and universal basic and secondary education in developing countries. Phoenix holds a B.A. in religion and Asian studies from Williams College and an Ed.M. from Harvard Graduate School of Education. Prior to joining the Hewlett Foundation, Phoenix was the Director of Business Development at iVillage Inc. ■