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FRAUNHOFER CSE CELEBRATES THE GRAND OPENING OF ITS LIVING LABORATORY

Boston, Massachusetts - June 17, 2014 – The Fraunhofer Center for Sustainable Energy Systems (CSE) celebrated the Grand Opening of its Boston headquarters, a “living laboratory” for studying solar and energy efficiency technologies, this past Wednesday, June 11, 2014.

The Grand Opening brought together over 200 members of Boston’s cleantech and innovation communities. Guests participated in guided building tours of the Living Laboratory and heard remarks from Massachusetts Governor Deval Patrick; Massachusetts Secretary of EEA Maeve Vallely Bartlett; Deputy German Ambassador to the U.S. Dr. Philipp Ackermann; Fraunhofer USA President Prof. Dr. Georg Rosenfeld; and DOE Director of the Solar Energy Technologies Office Mihn Le.

“The Fraunhofer CSE Living Laboratory was developed to further the advancement of sustainable energy systems and nurture a thriving clean energy community,” said Fraunhofer CSE Director, Dr. Christian Hoepfner. “We are honored to have strong partners in the pursuit of these goals and would like to thank them for their continued support of our work.”

Located in the heart of Boston’s Innovation District, the Living Laboratory is home to Fraunhofer CSE’s Massachusetts R&D center for the advancement of sustainable energy systems. Born out of a 2013 energy-retrofit of a 100-year-old building, the Lab leverages cutting-edge design concepts and historic architecture alongside in-house research facilities, including a pilot solar module fabrication line, dedicated thermal testing laboratory, and extensive characterization / environmental testing resources.

The retrofit of the building at 5 Channel Center is supported by the Building Technology Showcase (BTS), a collaboration of partners from leading building industry manufacturers and businesses who donated energy-efficient systems, materials and services. These technologies are incorporated into the building design to provide an educational opportunity to the public with regard to energy-efficient technology information and demonstrations, while also providing feedback and data about the real-world deployment of these products.

For more information about the Fraunhofer CSE Living Laboratory and the BTS, visit:
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About the Fraunhofer Center for Sustainable Energy Systems (CSE)

The Fraunhofer Center for Sustainable Energy Systems (CSE) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit applied research and development laboratory dedicated to fostering economic development through the commercialization of clean energy technologies for the benefit of society. With a focus in building energy technologies, solar photovoltaics, distributed electrical energy systems, start-up assistance, and technical validation, Fraunhofer CSE engages in collaborative research with private companies, government entities, and academic institutions. Fraunhofer CSE is a subsidiary of Fraunhofer USA and affiliated with Fraunhofer Gesellschaft, Europe's largest contract R&D organization.

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