

Ames Lab to Lead New Critical Materials Institute for the U.S. Department of Energy



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The U.S. Department of Energy announced recently that a team led by The Ames Laboratory in Ames, Iowa has been selected for an award of up to \$120 million over five years to establish an Energy Innovation Hub that will develop solutions to the domestic shortages of rare earth metals and other materials critical for U.S. energy security. The new research center, named the Critical Materials Institute (CMI), will bring together leading researchers from academia, four Department of Energy national laboratories, and private sector participants.

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MSE Highlights

- Congratulations to Sarah and Scott Beckman on the birth of their daughter, Evelyn, born February 2!



- Congratulations to Rebecca and Ludovico Cademartiri on the birth of their twins, Miranda Sofia Leonora and Zeno Girolamo Battista, born March 4!



- Ames was ranked second best college town in the nation by the [American Institute for Economic Research](#). This ranking was recently featured in the [Des Moines Register](#).