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FeMET INITIATIVE'S CURRICULUM DEVELOPMENT GRANTS AWARDED

Washington, D.C. – The American Iron and Steel Institute (AISI) and the Association for Iron and Steel Technology Foundation's "Ferrous Metallurgy Education Today," or FeMET Initiative, which is aimed at attracting top scholastic talent to the North American steel industry, has awarded its curriculum development grants for the 2005-2006 school year. Four university professors have been awarded an initial \$5,000 each to fund proposals designed to enhance or update industry curriculum in ferrous metallurgy programs.

The program objective is to utilize students to assist in the editing and updating of textbooks and/or other course materials for use in ferrous metallurgy education with an underlying goal to increase industry awareness within the academic community. The proposals indicated how the professor would approach the task, including budget and schedule requirements.

The winning proposals for 2005 – 2006 were submitted by:

- Dr. Harvey Abramowitz from Purdue University Calumet, West Lafayette, Ind.
- Dr. Kip O. Findley from Washington State University, Pullman, Wash.
- Dr. John G. Speer from the Colorado School of Mines, Golden, Colo.
- Dr. Robert H. Wagoner, The Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio

According to Ron Ashburn, AIST Executive Director, "This segment of the FeMET Initiative will start the process of updating steel-related curricula to ensure the latest steel making processes, grades, properties and applications are being taught at the University level. Both print and web-based programs have been targeted by the winning proposals."

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“These grants represent just one-year of a five-year plan toward improving curriculum development for an industry offering significant opportunity to the next generation of engineers,” said Andrew G. Sharkey III, president and CEO of AISI. “We need to ensure the latest technology is being taught to best leverage a sustainable future.”

The Association for Iron & Steel Technology (AIST) was formed on Jan. 1, 2004, by the merger of the Iron & Steel Society and the Association of Iron and Steel Engineers. AIST is an international technical association with 9,000 members representing iron and steel producers, their allied suppliers and related academia. The association is dedicated to advancing the technical development, production, processing and application of iron and steel. The AIST Foundation seeks to attract young technology-oriented professionals to the industry by promoting the high-tech, diverse and well-paying natures of careers in modern steelmaking. For more information about AIST, visit www.aist.org.

AISI serves as the voice of the North American steel industry in the public policy arena and advances the case for steel in the marketplace as the preferred material of choice. AISI also plays a lead role in the development and application of new steels and steelmaking technology. AISI is comprised of 32 member companies, including integrated and electric furnace steelmakers, and 118 associate and affiliate members who are suppliers to or customers of the steel industry. AISI's member companies represent approximately 75 percent of both U.S. and North American steel capacity. For more news about steel and its applications, view AISI's website at www.steel.org.

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