Discovery Park is launching an internal search to identify an individual with vision and demonstrated leadership for the position of Director of the Energy Center. The Energy Center integrates the diverse science and engineering strengths of the University to seek solutions to the existing energy crisis and our dependence on fossil fuels. In this effort, the Energy Center works closely with state government, neighboring states with significant energy resources, and other academic institutions. Current activities in the Energy Center are in the following areas of research: Social, Economic, and Political Aspects of Energy Use and Policy; Clean Coal Energy; Bio Energy; High Efficiency Wind Turbines; Advanced Electrochemical Systems; Electric Machines and Power Electronics; Hydrogen Energy Systems; Future Nuclear Energy; and Solar Energy.

The Director should hold a doctorate and must be a well-established energy investigator with a distinguished record of scholarly and scientific accomplishments in trans-disciplinary research. The Director should be enthusiastic about helping facilitate the growth and success of research teams in Energy Center areas outside of his or her own particular area of expertise. Administrative experience in the leadership of multi-investigator research programs and experience with industrial partnerships is desirable. The Director is expected to utilize the unique infrastructure and investment of Discovery Park to combine discovery and engagement into a world class Center at Purdue University. The Director of the Energy Center reports to the Director of the Global Sustainability Initiative and works closely with Academic Deans, Department Heads, Discovery Park researchers, and the Energy Center leadership in the administration of the program.

Nominations and applications should be submitted, via e-mail to weiderhaft@purdue.edu; the committee will begin evaluating applications on May 3. Applications should include a letter of interest that outlines qualifications for the position, curriculum vitae, and the name of three references (including their e-mail addresses and phone numbers).