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NORTH LOGAN, Utah, May 24 /PRNewswire-USNewswire/ -- The Utah State University Research Foundation today announced that it has named Dr. Douglas K. Lemon as its president.

In a move designed to continue the organization's success in the aerospace, defense, and energy fields, Lemon succeeds Oren Phillips, who has been interim president and is currently serving as chairman of the board of trustees for USURF.

Lemon will lead USURF's $50 million per year business that includes Space Dynamics Laboratory, Energy Dynamics Laboratory, and business operations functions. Lemon joined USURF in 2008 as director of SDL and later served as executive vice president and director of laboratories. As an undergraduate student in physics at USU in the 1970's, Lemon worked for the predecessor organizations of SDL.

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"Doug has been a proven asset at USURF for the past 18 months with responsibility for effective strategies that strengthened our space and defense mission areas," said Phillips. "As the founding director of the Energy Dynamics Laboratory, he has brought together technology and business experts to create a leadership team that is developing and deploying technologies for renewable and advanced energy systems."

"Dr. Lemon is a seasoned leader who offers his experience as a scientist, program manager and senior executive to USURF as the organization continues to grow and advance cutting edge technologies," said USU President Stan L. Albrecht. "He has become an integral member of the USU team and his appointment as president is another step forward for USURF, the Space Dynamics Laboratory and the Energy Dynamics Laboratory."

Lemon has 32 years experience as a scientist, program manager and senior executive with SDL, EDL, and the Pacific Northwest National Laboratory. He has led development of next-generation, high-technology solutions for clients working in space, aerospace, intelligence, national defense and homeland security.

USURF is a nonprofit corporation owned by USU. Its purpose is to conduct applied research, engineering development and translate innovative technologies into real-world solutions. USURF employs 450 professionals in North Logan, Utah and locations in Colorado Springs, Colo.; Las Angeles, Calif.; Albuquerque, N.M.; Washington, D.C.; Huntsville, Ala.; Bedford, Mass.; Houston, Texas; and Park City, Utah.

EDL was formed in 2009 to expand USURF's value to USU and benefit to the nation by creating transformational, systems-level solutions to America's energy challenges. EDL's three primary business areas are clean and unconventional fossil energy, advanced electric transportation, and intuitive or intelligent buildings. There are also focused efforts in biofuels and wind characterization.

Through these programs, EDL is leading the way in developing resources, technologies and systems that will be critical to the energy security of the United States in the 21st Century and beyond.

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