## **Roundtable Discussions of the Solid State Lighting R&D Task Structure**

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## **1. Introduction**

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The Multi-year Program Plan (MYPP) for Solid-State Lighting (SSL) forms a basis on which the Department of Energy (DOE) develops research and development (R&D) funding solicitations. This plan is in a process of continual development and is updated annually. The MYPP outlines several overarching goals for the program, a timeline for the goals' achievement and a specific set of R&D tasks to be performed in advancing its objectives. The current task structure<sup>1</sup> has become outdated as it was first developed for a DOE program planning workshop in November of 2003. To address this issue, DOE invited approximately 25 experts in SSL to roundtable discussions in Washington, DC on September 17 and 18, 2008 to reformulate the R&D task structure.

The September roundtables are followed by a series of conference calls to discuss tasks along with suitable metrics and specific targets. At the annual DOE SSL R&D Workshop in February information from the conference calls and this workshop will be used to establish the top priority tasks. Participants will be given an opportunity to revise the tasks and priorities before the final, updated SSL MYPP is targeted for release in March of 2009.

The roundtable discussions began with a brief introduction by James Brodrick, the solidstate lighting program manager at DOE. His introduction was followed by a presentation by Fred Welsh of Radcliffe Advisors. To stress the need for efficient lighting, Welsh highlighted DOE's goal to have the technologies ready to build net-zero energy buildings (ZEB) and homes (ZEH) by 2025. While the development of these technologies is a multifaceted problem, lighting provides the opportunity for a significant advance in energy efficiency. Welsh noted that lighting contributes 25% of commercial building energy consumption and 12% of residential home consumption. DOE's goal for solid state lighting is to halve lighting energy consumption in United States commercial and residential buildings, contributing substantially to the ZEB and ZEH goals.

The focus of the September 17 and 18, 2008 roundtable discussions was the fourth chapter of the MYPP – the Technology and R&D plan – which includes targets, tasks, and schedules. In past MYPP publications, the LED (and OLED) device has been the focus of improvement. However, because the LED device has experienced rapid development in the last few years, more emphasis at the roundtables was placed on the entire SSL luminaire.

As time progresses, product development will have increased emphasis as compared to core technology (applied research), and new metrics and targets may be necessary to continue to improve. The current MYPP contains some confusing and seemingly redundant tasks. The group was charged with working to clarify the distinctions among the tasks. The group was also charged with identifying linkages between product development and core technology tasks in order to help identify critical areas of

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Navigant Consulting, Inc., Radcliffe Advisors, and SSLS, Inc. *Multi-Year Program Plan FY'09-FY'14: Solid-State Lighting Research and Development.* March 2008. http://www.netl.doe.gov/ssl/PDFs/SSLMYPP2008\_web.pdf

investigation. In addition to identifying linkages among tasks, estimating appropriate resource allocation and task duration estimates are also important, as DOE does not have the resources to fund every task discussed in the roundtables.

Following the introduction to the effort, participants presented their views on research topics of interest to the SSL R&D Program. For more information about these presentations, see Appendix C and Appendix D of this report. Information on the restructured research tasks can be found in Chapter 2 and Chapter 3 of this report.

## **2. Task Category Identification**

The first group activity at the roundtable was identification of the major task categories. In the LED roundtable, the group brainstormed tasks and subtasks crucial to developing a quality LED luminaire and recorded these on the "fishbone" (Ishikawa) diagram shown in Figure 2.1 below. This cause-and-effect diagram gives some indication for later planning on the linkages among tasks. There are a number of principal task categories (the main "bones") and then tasks and subtasks (perhaps several levels of them) that feed into that category. After discussing the tasks and subtasks for the general LED luminaire, the roundtable discussion focused on developing a more detailed diagram of the tasks and subtasks necessary to develop a high quality LED module. This "subfish" is shown in Figure 2.2.

In the OLED roundtable, the participants took a similar approach to the development of the fishbone by identifying tasks and subtasks critical to the successful development of a quality OLED luminaire. A number of the same issues that were raised in the LED roundtable were also raised in the OLED roundtable. Note that the human factors tasks discussed for the LED luminaire are also applicable to OLEDs; thus, they were not included in the OLED task structure. Participants suggested a large number of tasks related to OLED panels, so the OLED panel task was broken into a "subfish" where the group recorded further subtasks.









## **3. Task Information**

The next phase was to discuss particular aspects of these tasks. In the LED roundtable, the group discussed what information should be contained in more specific descriptors for the subtasks associated with optical components, reliability, mechanical components, standards, human factors, and controls. For many of these subtasks, the group identified whether the subtask was focused on core technology research or product development. The group also discussed appropriate metrics that could measure progress for many subtasks. Table 3.1 shows tasks common to LEDs and OLEDs that were discussed in detail by roundtable participants. Table 3.2 shows LED luminaire tasks that were discussed in detail. While participants produced a subfish diagram for LED module tasks, only two of those tasks were discussed in further detail. They are included in Table 3.2.

<b>Task Category</b>	<b>Descriptive Title</b>	<b>Additional Description</b>
Human Factors	Productivity	Investigate how productivity is affected by the quantity of light, quality of light, CRI, and interaction between the three. Understand consumer perception of mixed light sources.
	Glare	Investigate how glare is associated with correlated color temperature, point sources vs. diffuse sources, dark to bright background movement, and physiological differences in human perception.
	<b>Light Quality (CRI)</b>	Investigate redefining CRI for LEDs or develop a new, more meaningful metric.
	Safety	Improve safety and reduce energy consumption using variable brightness based on occupancy.

**Table 3.1: Common Tasks Discussed During the Roundtable** 





<b>Task Category</b>	<b>Descriptive Title</b>	<b>Additional Description</b>
	Thermal - Passive vs.	Develop passive and active cooling strategies.
	<b>Active Cooling</b>	
	Thermal - PCB	Develop printed circuit boards for outdoor use.
	Thermal - Interface	Develop and test materials to increase longevity and
Mechanical	Materials	thermal performance.
Components	Overall	Design thermal management tools to protect the
		luminaire in a variety of environments using real life
		testing environments. Improve information flow from
		LED manufacturers to the luminaire manufacturer to
		enhance the overall process. Consider tests for LEDs
		that are not used in other forms of lighting.
	<b>Lifetime Definition</b>	Define appropriate lifetime metrics. Determine end of
<b>Standards</b>		life light function (dim to 50%, turn off, decline
		uncontrolled, etc.).
	<b>Government Regulation</b>	Support the creation of effective standards.
	<b>Color Control</b>	Investigate methods to maintain color over the life of the
		unit. Consider dynamic controls to keep the color the
		same. Consider LEDs capable of producing multiple
		colors.
	<b>Sensors</b>	Develop controls that reduce a luminaire's power
		consumption when a location is unoccupied.
	Sensors -	Develop and improve upon indoor and outdoor
Controls	Indoor/Outdoor	occupancy sensors.
	Communication	Develop standard communication protocols. Develop
		methods of communication that lower costs of
		implementing control technologies.
	Driver	Improve efficiency of drivers especially at low drive
		currents.
	Driver - Longevity-	Improve topology of driver to increase driver lifetime.
	Performance	
	<b>Emitter Materials</b>	Investigate emitter materials like non-polar bulk GaN for
<b>LED</b> Module		high efficiency.
	Standardization	Develop standardized LED Module form.

**Table 3.2: LED Luminaire Tasks Discussed During the Roundtable (continued)** 

Similarly, the participants of the OLED roundtable discussed a number of subtasks and the associated descriptors, metrics, and type ("core" vs. "product"). Participants focused on driver, structural-mechanical, characterization, system reliability, fabrication technology, and OLED panel issues related to the development of an OLED luminaire. Tasks that were discussed in detail are shown in Table 3.3. For the OLED panel, participants further developed tasks related to the panel substrate, the panel architecture, thermal and outcoupling issues, and electrode and device issues. The OLED panel tasks that the group discussed in detail are shown in Table 3.4.

<b>Task Category</b>	<b>Descriptive Title</b>	<b>Additional Description</b>
Driver	General	Develop high efficiency drivers suitable for OLED topologies.
Structure-Mechanical	General	Design a structure suitable for converting OLED panels into a luminaire. Weight, form factor, interconnects, and safety issues must be considered.
	Thermal - General	Develop thermal management solutions for luminaire-scale OLED products. These could consist of material technologies as well as active and passive cooling technologies.
	Luminaire	Develop and implement a study of luminaire design tradeoffs. Various factors related to architecture and application can be explored.
<b>Optical Design</b>	<b>Light Distribution (beam</b> pattern)	Explore how to extract light from a fixture in a controlled manner with minimal losses. Optical design may be dependent on application.
	<b>Material Quality</b>	Define material quality and determine for which materials it is most important. Explore what causes purity problems, and define the relationships between material quality and device performance.
Characterization	Device Degradation (developing methods of assessment)	Develop ways to measure degradation. This will aid in advancing the materials/structures development process.
	<b>Acceleration Methods</b>	Develop reliable accelerated testing methodologies that can be employed to study degradation over time.
Fab Tech	General	Develop new technologies for OLED deposition or encapsulation, such as materials and deposition methods.
<b>System Reliability</b>	General	Understand the failure mechanisms of the OLED lighting system. This includes research into environmental conditions or handling issues that may affect operating lifetime.
<b>OLED</b> Panel	See Table 3.4	

**Table 3.3: OLED Luminaire Tasks Discussed in Detail in the Roundtable** 

<b>Task Category</b>	<b>Descriptive Title</b>	<b>Additional Description</b>
	Modeling	Generate model material parameters and device models to accelerate the development of new materials and complicated device structures. This task should be coupled with experimentation.
	Organic Materials - General	Develop new ways of generating a stable, highly efficient blue that are compatible with the ultimate goal of stable white light generation.
	Organic Materials - Degradation	Evaluate the effects of degradation at the material level. This will aid in the understanding of OLED device lifetimes and failure modes.
<b>OLED</b> Device	Large Area - Current Spreading	Research issues specific to large area devices such as current spreading, IR loss, and shorting defects.
	Structure - General	Develop structure designs that can be manufactured on a large scale at low cost.
	Structure - Degradation	Design a structure that can aid in the evaluation of the effects of OLED device structure degradation.
	Architecture	Investigate the applicability of various device architectures, such as top-emitting and bottom- emitting architectures. Explore the potential for mass manufacturing.
	Degradation	Investigate device-level degradation in OLED devices. This will increase knowledge of device lifetimes and failure modes.
Electrodes	General	Develop high performance, low voltage, low voltage electrodes. Investigate replacements for indium tin oxide (ITO) that are low-cost, flexible, and have the same or better performance.
Substrate	General	Develop low-cost OLED substrates. The substrate type may depend on the structure (e.g. flexible structures may need different substrates).
Panel Architecture	Multi-function Components - General	Investigate multi-functional components that may serve to aid in encapsulation, outcoupling, down- conversion, or thermal management.

**Table 3.4: OLED Panel Tasks Discussed in Detail in the Roundtable** 

## **4. Critical Issues**

Although in principle, a good understanding of tasks, linkages, resources, and durations should identify the critical path for development, certain critical issues with unclear solutions could be major impediments to progress. The groups were asked to suggest potential roadblocks to the development of mainstream solid state lighting solutions.

A number of these roadblocks are common to the LED and OLED field:

• Cost reduction for a variety of system components and processes, from fabrication technology to raw materials, will be a challenge.

- Accelerated reliability testing methods for systems and materials is absolutely necessary for market penetration. Simply waiting for field test results will take too long. In particular, emitter materials have not been tested for long lifetimes. This uncertainty creates risk for manufacturers and consumers, potentially reducing adoption rates. The creation of reliability assessments will require larger quantities of products for testing.
- Consistency from brand to brand and year to year is necessary and will require standardization and improved manufacturing methods. Underwriters Laboratories (UL) standards organization must be made aware of advances in solid state lighting so that standards for LEDs and OLEDs can be developed in a timely fashion.

The roundtable participants identified a few issues specific to LEDs.

- There has been little emphasis on improving red light emission in wavelengths appropriate to lighting and efficiency which could impede LED development in the coming years.
- To meet high efficacy and price targets, the industry must find ways to minimize the amount of "droop" in efficiency that occurs at high drive currents.

The group also identified a number of critical issues specific to OLEDs.

- Development of a long-lasting blue emitter is critical.
- A breakthrough in fabrication technology that can readily produce large area OLEDs at low cost must occur.
- Substrates must be smooth, uniform, and inexpensive.
- The cost and future availability of indium, often used in OLED electrodes, is a concern. Other solutions for low-cost electrodes may be required.
- The development and adoption of LEDs and more mature lighting technologies such as fluorescents may draw attention away from OLEDs as a mainstream lighting technology.

## **Appendix A. Participants in the LED Roundtable, September 17, 2008**

The following individuals participated in the LED SSL MYPP roundtable on September 17 of 2008:

Jim Beck, Optoelectronix

Paul Fini, Inlustra Technologies, LLC

Mark Hand, Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc.

Angela Hohl-AbiChedid, Osram Sylvania, Inc.

Bernd Keller, CREE, Inc.

Mike Krames, Philips Lumileds Lighting Company

Cameron Miller, National Institute of Standards and Technology

Russ Mortenson, QuNano AB

Theodore Moustakas, Boston University,

Gerry Negley, CREE, Inc.

Christopher Ruud, Ruud Lighting, Inc.

Jerry Simmons, Sandia National Laboratories

Jeff Tsao, Sandia National Laboratories

Christian Wetzel, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

## **Appendix B. Participants in the OLED Roundtable, September 18, 2008**

The following individuals participated in the OLED SSL MYPP roundtable on September 18 of 2008:

Andy Albrecht, GE Lumination

Peter Djurovich, University of Southern California

Mike Hack, Universal Display Corporation

Mark Hand, Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc.

Russell Holmes, University of Minnesota

Jeff Tsao, Sandia National Laboratories

Lionel Levinson, Vartek Associates, LLC

Gao Liu, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Samuel Mao, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

Asanga Padmaperuma, Pacific Northwest National Laboratories

Linda Sapochak, National Science Foundation

Joe Schiang, GE Global Research

Gary Silverman, Arkema, Inc.

Yuan-Sheng Tyan, Eastman Kodak Company

## **Appendix C. LED Participant Presentations, September 17, 2008**

Some participants chose to prepare a short presentation outlining their most recent work and suggesting what they saw to be a key issue with LED lighting. The presentations are given below in the order that they were presented, along with short summaries. The final two presentations by Ruud and Keller were extemporaneous. Schowalter submitted a presentation but was unable to attend the roundtable.

## *Jerry Simmons, Sandia National Laboratory Thoughts for EERE SSL LED Roundtable (Presentation 1) Also presented in the OLED session by Jeff Tsao*

Simmons noted that we need research into how people perceive color and whether they prefer wide or narrow band colors. He noted that red and blue should be narrow band colors so that the energy would not be wasted outside the visible spectrum. Finally, Simmons thought there is still efficacy (lm/W) headroom in LED development.

## *Mark Hand, Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc.*

## *DOE SSL Roundtable*

Hand discussed the debate of scotopic versus photopic vision and suggested that cool lights could be more efficient and more highly demanded by the market. Hand also spoke on standardization of the LED driver lifetime specifications. He stressed that currently the driver lifetime appears shorter than LEDs. In addition, stated that brightness specifications that consider glare are necessary for LEDs.

## *Angela Hohl-AbiChedid, Osram Sylvania*

## *Color Shifts over lifetime in LED system*

Hohl-Abichedid called for focus on increased longevity optical materials that were more resistant to color shift and heat damage. She also noted the challenge in the lengthy process of reliability testing and looked forward to accelerated testing procedures.

## *Jeff Tsao, Sandia National Laboratory*

*Thoughts for EERE SSL LED Roundtable (Presentation 2) Also presented in the OLED session* 

Tsao looked at the macroeconomic impacts of a change to SSL, targeting the interaction between GDP, productivity, and the cost of energy. He saw that increased cost of energy would decrease GDP unless SSL could reduce energy consumption and increase productivity – leading to increased GDP. Tsao noted that effective usage of SSL through sensors and timers will determine how revolutionary the new technology can be.

## *Paul Fini, Inlustra Technologies, LLC*

## *Non-polar & Semi-polar GaN Substrates for UHB-LEDs*

Fini noted that polarization is the largest contributor to droop, a key performance limiter for high brightness LEDs. He discussed several approaches to resolving the issue of droop. In addition, Fini discussed the benefits to using GaN as a substrate for ultra-high brightness LEDs.

## *Theodore Moustakas, Boston University*

## *Materials issues responsible for the green gap*

Moustakas addressed possible origins of the reduced efficiency of InGaN LEDs. In particular, he stated that there may be both device and materials issues. With regard to materials issues, he discussed how atomic ordering may affect efficiency.

## *Christian Wetzel, Rochester Polytechnic Institute*

*Contributions to Solving the "Green Gap" in LED Technology* 

Wetzel stated that fundamental LED research is not complete and may require radically different approaches. In particular, he discussed several recent research areas on improving the efficiency of green LEDs.

## *Christopher Ruud, Ruud Lighting*

Ruud emphasized the importance of recognizing the scotopic versus photopic response of the eye. He agreed that glare is a major problem with human perception and technical specifications on brightness of LED luminaires are important. He also mentioned that lumen maintenance has yet to be defined at the luminaire level for LED systems.

## *Bernd Keller, CREE*

Keller suggested that DOE should be interested in the scalability and manufacturability of both the LED device and luminaire in order to help improve market penetration. Keller also warned against the industry depending on overseas infrastructure to manufacture LEDs.

## *Leo Schowalter, Crystal IS, Inc.*

Though Schowalter was unable to attend the roundtable, his presentation was shown to the participants. The presentation highlighted Crystal IS's capability to fabricate low defect density AlN substrates and GaN on AlN substrates. Crystal IS also shared its plans for future work including GaN growth on m-plane AlN and developing a process for m-plane crystals for growth up to two inches.



























## **Color Shifts over lifetime in LED system**



Color Maintenance

The change of chromaticity over the lifetime of the product shall be within 0.007 on the CIE 1976 (u'v') diagram.

?How to predict color shift over 35,000 hours? ?How do plastic materials/ Si change transmission properties as a function of wavelength and intensity.

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## Contributions to Solving the "Green Gap" in LED Technology

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## Green c-Axis LED Epi on GaN

*current status, scratch diode*



High resolution TEM

5 nm

M. Zhu, *et al*. Mater. Res. Soc. Symp. Proc. 1040E (2008)

J. Electron. Mater. 37(5), 641-645 (2008). **37** M. Zhu, et al.

TEM





## Non-Polar a-Plane Homoepitaxial LED

*control polarization*



Future Chips Constellation



- Crystal IS is the world leading manufacturer of low defect aluminum nitride (AlN) substrates  $\circ$  Defect Densities are <1E+4cm<sup>-2</sup> on c-plane
- We have epitaxial growth capabilities in house and have demonstrated low defect gallium nitride (GaN) grown on our AlN substrates
	- $\circ$  Defect Densities demonstrated <1E+6cm<sup>-2</sup>
	- $\circ$  Further development work is required
- We have 10x10mm substrates commercially available and have demonstrated 2-inch AlN
	- C-plane and m-plane available in 10x10mm
	- 2-inch has been demonstrated in c-plane



## Crystal IS has a unique and patented process for growing high purity AIN crystals and manufacturing high quality AIN substrates from these crystals

- Crystals are currently grown in c-plane
- $\circ$  Because they are bulk crystals, they can be cut in c-plane or m-plane
- Feasibility of m-plane crystal growth has been shown, but more development is required C.21



# **High Quality Epitaxy on AlN**



• EPD of epitaxy on AlN measured after hot KOH etch.

Threading dislocation estimated from AFM images  $\sim 2 \times 10^9$  cm<sup>-2</sup> on sapphire



**Further Work Further Work**

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## **Appendix D. OLED Participant Presentations, September 18, 2008**

Several participants in the OLED roundtable chose to give presentations outlining their work or their thoughts on key issues in the OLED lighting field. The presentations are given below in the order that they were presented, along with short summaries. The final presentation by Linda Sapochak was extemporaneous.

## *Mark Hand, Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc.*

*OLED Device Luminance Specifications for Interior Lighting of Commercial Spaces*  Hand provided tables of OLED sizes necessary to provide the same amount of light as a variety of fluorescent lighting system layouts. Hand used California's Title 24 watt/sq. meter energy requirements for office buildings as an upper limit on the amount of energy the systems can consume. He expressed that there are some benefits to creating smaller devices, but smaller devices must produce more light per unit area to achieve the equivalent foot-candles as larger devices.

## *Mike Hack, Universal Display Corporation*

## *Enabling an Energy Savings OLED Lighting Industry*

Hack presented a variety of technology and industry areas of focus for enabling an OLED lighting industry. He expressed that in order for OLEDs to become mainstream lighting sources, a diverse array of technology and industry issues must be resolved first.

#### *Gary Silverman, Arkema, Inc.*

#### *Out-coupling Improvement of "Substrate/Grid Components"*

Silverman discussed conductivity and transmission issues for net anodes and presented research into zinc oxide (ZnO) as a material for net anodes. Silverman stressed that the conductivity and processing cost of net anodes must be improved, with the conductivity of copper being a desirable goal.

## *Jeff Tsao, Sandia National Laboratory*

## *Thoughts for EERE SSL LED Roundtable (Presentation 1) Also presented in the LED session by Jerry Simmons*

Tsao noted that research is needed to determine how people perceive color and whether they prefer wide or narrow band colors. He noted that red and blue should be narrow band colors so that the energy would not be wasted outside the visible spectrum. Finally, Tsao thought there is still efficacy (lm/W) headroom in LED development.

## *Jeff Tsao, Sandia National Laboratory*

## *Thoughts for EERE SSL LED Roundtable (Presentation 2) Also presented in the LED session*

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## *Asanga Padmaperuma, Pacific Northwest National Laboratory 2009 Multi-Year Project Plan Update Kickoff Roundtable*

Padmaperuma presented considerations for improving the stability of OLEDs by developing more stable materials as well as barriers. He stated that much of the DOE SSL progress has been on device efficiency, but to meet the DOE goals of increasing usage in buildings, the SSL field must focus on widespread adoption. This necessitates a focus on product stability.

## *Gao Liu, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory*

## *Advanced Characterization Methods for OLED Devices*

Liu presented a variety of complementary advanced characterization methods that may be able to answer how devices degrade differently on different substrates. Liu stressed the need to assess degradation in devices before and after their operation and discussed the variety of advanced characterization methods already available to perform such assessments. He also stated that collaboration between industry and national laboratories may lead to the development of improved characterization methods.

## *Yuan-Sheng Tyan, Eastman Kodak Company*

## *Roadmap & Future Predictions Consistent with ENERGY STAR Requirements*

Tyan discussed ENERGY STAR performance requirements, which emphasize luminaires rather than lamps, along with data showing that luminaire efficacies are much lower than lamp efficacies for a variety of lamp technologies. He also showed that ENERGY STAR color requirements have efficacy implications, as high efficacy OLED devices reported today may not always meet ENERGY STAR color requirements. Tyan stressed that the cost and efficacy implications of ENERGY STAR at the OLED device and luminaire level must be explored.

## *Samuel Mao, Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory Two Topics: OLED Core Research*

Mao presented Hewlett-Packard's research into hybrid devices, which combine organic materials with inorganic semiconductors. He showed the performance of a hybrid OLED with a nanocrystal inorganic semiconductor. Mao also discussed some useful inputs and outputs for device-level simulation and stated that device simulation capabilities must be improved through collaboration.

## *Linda Sapochak, National Science Foundation*

Sapochak discussed the implications of material purity on device lifetime. She stated that the relative purity of commercially available phosphors varies widely and that the OLED industry must understand material purity in order to take this variance into account. Sapochak also stressed that the OLED industry must understand which of the various types of material impurities have an effect on device lifetime.























# 2009 Multi-Year OLED Roundtable

## Out-coupling Improvement of "Substrate/Grid components"

Gary S. Silverman, Ph.D. Arkema, Inc.

September 18, 2008

## Issue – Obtaining conductivity & transmission targets for large area OLED lighting

ARKemA



- Metal grids work, but lose significant light out-coupling and processing cost.
- TCOs have limitations to get true metal-like conductivity

# Targeted Solicitation Need

- Net anode structures that improve light outcoupling
- Improve net anode processing cost
- Combination of both















































