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BIO:

Dr. Blackmon received his PhD in Engineering and Applied Science from University of California - Los Angeles. He is currently Research Professor in the UAHuntsville Propulsion Research Center where he conducts research and development on advanced solar power, RF detection and location, propulsion, and thermal management systems. Dr. Blackmon was awarded over \$2M Department of Energy contract to develop a low cost heliostat with HiTek Services (prime). He also conducts research and development on the RF Locator for Varian, Inc., which was recently extended for another year and resulted in the first UAHuntsville Master Cooperative Research Agreement. Dr. Blackmon is extensively published and has presented at conferences and symposiums across the United States. Dr. Blackmon completed a chapter for a forthcoming book on solar energy and holds over 30 patents in fields such as solar power, hybrid power, RF systems, and fluid transfer. He is a fellow of IAE and associate fellow of AIAA. He is also a member and reviewer of ASES and ASME and serves as a peer-reviewer for DOE.

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