

## UNM Limited Competition Announcement \*Lottery\*

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest (SOIs) for the **DOE Critical Minerals and Materials Accelerator (DE-FOA-0003589)** limited competition. This funding opportunity will focus investments on American, industry-led partnerships to prototype and pilot innovative critical materials processing technologies that are currently only proven at the bench scale to address challenges in high-impact areas. The program establishes a pipeline that will support technology maturation to ultimately unlock private capital investments. It will also leverage other DOE lab-based investments, such as the Critical Materials Innovation Hub and the Minerals to Materials Supply Chain Research Facility.

**Sponsor:** Department of Energy, Advanced Materials and Manufacturing Technologies Office (AMMTO) and Office of Geothermal (OG)

**Opportunity Title:** Critical Minerals and Materials Accelerator Notice of Funding Opportunity

**Opportunity Number:** DE-FOA-0003589

**Sponsor Due Date(s):** Required LOIs due 4/21/26. Full submissions vary by Topic Area between 5/26/26 and 7/20/26

**Award Range:** \$1 million up to \$8 million (maximum varies by topic area)

**Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM:** One (1) as lead institution for Topic Area 1, one (1) as lead institution for Topic Area 2, and three (3) as lead institution for Topic Area 3 (1 per Subtopic Area)

**Solicitation:** <https://www.energy.gov/cmei/ammtto/critical-minerals-and-materials-accelerator-0>

**Cost share requirement:** This NOFO is comprised of two phases of work, Phase 1 aiming to prototype technologies and Phase 2 aiming to demonstrate technologies at a pilot scale. The cost share must be at least 20% of the Phase 1 project costs for initial research and development tasks and 50% of the Phase 2 project costs if selected for Phase 2 demonstration and commercial application tasks.

**Limited Comp. SOI Due Date:** **NOON on April 10, 2026**

**Limited Comp. Instructions:** Submit your ~100-word SOI in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered. *\*\*Because there is no time for committee review, if we receive more SOIs than submission slots available, we will randomly select which will be allowed to move forward. Only SOIs received by the deadline will be included in the drawing. Claimed slots will be published on the [UNM Limited Competitions website](#). After the competition concludes, researchers may inquire about potential submission opportunities if any institutional slots remain available by contacting [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).\*\**

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