

UNM Limited Competition Announcement

Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Vice President for Research is requesting statements of interest (SOIs) for the **NSF TechAccess: AI-Ready America (NSF 26-508)** limited competition. TechAccess: AI-Ready America is a national-scale initiative to accelerate Artificial Intelligence (AI) readiness and adoption across the U.S. by strengthening coordination, leveraging partnerships and resources, filling gaps, and scaling up local and state AI-related initiatives. The program establishes AI Coordination Hubs in every state and territory to connect local partners across education, workforce, industry, and government; to leverage established networks, assets, and organizations within the state/territory; to facilitate knowledge exchange; and to enable rapid scaling of successful AI adoption efforts. The Coordination Hubs will link nationally developed resources and technical expertise with state-level leadership and local implementation to create a cohesive, adaptable AI infrastructure.

Sponsors: National Science Foundation, USDA-NIFA (National Institute of Food and Agriculture), Department of Labor Employment and Training Administration, and the US Small Business Administration

Opportunity Title: TechAccess: AI-Ready America

Opportunity Number: NSF 26-508

Sponsor Due Date(s): Required LOIs due 6/16/26. Full submissions 7/16/26

Award Range: \$1million/year for up to four years

Number of Submissions Allowed from UNM: One (1) proposal

Solicitation: <https://www.nsf.gov/funding/opportunities/techaccess-ai-ready-america/nsf26-508/solicitation#elig>

Limited Comp. SOI Due Date: **NOON on April 22, 2026**

Limited Comp. Instructions: Submit your ~100-word SOI in UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered. Based on the number of SOIs received, the Limited Competitions Management Team may announce a call for pre-proposals.

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.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at limited@unm.edu.

If you are affiliated with HSC, please contact HSC Limited Competition at HSC-LimitedComps@salud.unm.edu for more information.