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Dear UNM Researchers,

DOE’s Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR) program has announced its interest in receiving applications for **Building EPSCoR-State/DOE-National Laboratory Partnerships**. These partnerships advance understanding of the physical world by supporting fundamental, early-stage energy research collaborations with the DOE National Laboratories. (Information on the DOE National Laboratories including links to websites can be found at <https://www.energy.gov/about-national-labs>.) Participation by undergraduate students, graduate students, or postdoctoral fellows is required. Early career faculty from EPSCoR jurisdictions are encouraged to apply. Utilization of DOE user facilities is encouraged. (Information on the SC User Facilities can be found at <https://science.osti.gov/UserFacilities/User-Facilities-at-a-Glance>; information on the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy user facilities can be found at <https://nsuf.inl.gov>.)

Applicants must propose scientific collaborations that partner academic institutions of higher education in EPSCoR jurisdictions and research staff at DOE National Laboratories. These partnerships should leverage capabilities of DOE National Laboratories, particularly their user facilities. National laboratory partners must provide a letter of commitment confirming their willingness to collaborate on the project for the application (endorsed by both the national laboratory collaborator and a senior member of laboratory management who is authorized to commit the laboratory to the collaboration). The program is seeking applications in the following program areas:

a. Accelerator R&D and Production	b. Advanced Scientific Computing Research
c. Basic Energy Sciences	d. Biological and Environmental Research
e. Fusion Energy Sciences	f. High Energy Physics
g. Isotope R&D and Production	h. Nuclear Physics
i. Office of Cybersecurity, Energy Security, and Emergency Response	j. Office of Electricity
k. Office of Environmental Management	l. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: Buildings and Industry (including Advanced Materials and Manufacturing;

	Buildings; and Industrial Efficiency and Decarbonization)
m. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: Renewable Energy (including Geothermal; Solar; Water; and Wind)	n. Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: Sustainable Transportation (including Bioenergy; Hydrogen and Fuel Cells; and Vehicles)
o. Office of Fossil Energy and Carbon Management	p. Office of Nuclear Energy

The number of awards will depend on the number of meritorious applications and the availability of appropriated funds. The award ceiling is \$250,000 per year and the award floor is \$150,000 per year for four years. Applicants may adjust their annual budget requests if the total project support requested is at or under \$1,000,000 for a four-year project period. Requests for smaller awards below the floor will be considered when appropriate to the research effort. Applicants may, with compelling justification and approval, exceed the annual ceiling and floor if their total budget does not exceed \$1,000,000 for a four-year project period. More details can be found in the program solicitation: <https://grants.gov/search-results-detail/351397>. Required pre-applications are due to the agency by **January 17, 2024**. These pre-applications must be submitted by UNM’s Office of Sponsored Projects (OSP). Full applications are due by **February 28, 2024**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to 2 (TWO) pre-applications per program area (a-p in the list above) as lead.** If you are interested in applying to this program, please submit a statement of interest with a tentative project title, a brief project description (200 words), and the name of the DOE national lab you plan to partner with by **NOON on Thursday, December 14, 2023** via UNM’s [InfoReady Review portal](#). ****Because there is not time for a committee review, if we receive more than two SOIs for any given program area, we will randomly select the two that will be able to submit to that program area. Only SOIs received by the deadline will be included in the drawing.**** No late applications will be considered.

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

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