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Dear UNM Researchers,

The DOE Earth and Environmental Systems Sciences Division (EESSD), within the program on Biological and Environmental Research (BER), supports fundamental science and research projects and capabilities that enable improved understanding and predictability of the climate, environmental, and Earth system. BER has a goal to broaden and diversify institutional representation in the EESSD portfolio with institutions that have limited familiarity and/or engagement with EESSD supported efforts. To achieve the goal of broadening institutional participation, this funding opportunity will provide seed funding for institutions to: 1) develop new partnerships with other academic institutions and/or national laboratories to enable future participation in EESSD-relevant research; 2) facilitate participation in planned EESSD research programmatic and user facility outreach and training activities; and 3) foster the development of climate and environmental science research and training capacity at under-represented institutions.

The agency expects to award approximately 10 to 20 grants for a performance period of 18 to 22 months with award sizes ranging from \$50,000 to \$150,000. Applicants must demonstrate interest in one or more of the following categories: Developing Capabilities, Developing Partnerships, Leveraging User Facilities. There is no cost share requirement for this award. More details can be found in the [funding solicitation](#). The deadline date for full proposals to the agency is **April 20, 2022**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to TWO proposals.** Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; 11-point font) by **NOON on Wednesday, March 30, 2022** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered.

The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the proposal narrative including specifying the project category or categories (listed above); how the training and experience of the PI and senior personnel align with Earth and environmental sciences and the general interests of the EESSD; and how an RDPP award could impact your current research and/or teaching or help you branch out into a new area. Applications focused on building institutional capacity should also describe any additional institutional resources in Earth and environmental sciences. The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).  
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