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Dear UNM Researchers,

The Office of the Under Secretary of Defense for Research and Engineering (OUSD (R&E)) seeks unclassified research proposals from Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI) under Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) W911NF-19-S-0013 Amendment #2 to establish four different Centers of Excellence (COEs) in the following areas:

- Advanced Computing and Software
- Future Generation Wireless Technology
- Integrated Sensing and Cyber
- Renewable Energy Generation and Storage

Scientific knowledge and technologies produced in the Center of Excellence will enable the DoD to address a broad range of technical challenges. Some of the research will be applicable to Master's and Ph.D. level work that breaks new ground.

The Center, led by the HBCU/MI Principal Investigator (PI), will be expected to conduct collaborative research within the proposing HBCU/MI and with one other institution of higher education (IHE) and with involvement of scientists (Cooperative Agreement Managers) from the Army Research Laboratory (ARL). The subawardee may be an HBCU/MI or non-HBCU/MI that is capable of enhancing research applicable to the challenges facing DoD in the Center's area and attracting both established and promising early-career researchers. The PI and key personnel selected for the Center must be U.S. citizens at the time of proposal submission because of the need to access Government facilities. One highly meritorious proposal may be awarded a Cooperative Agreement with a performance period of five years at a level up to \$2.0M per year for a total of \$10M. A subaward to the collaborating IHE partner is limited to no more than 40% of the annual budget. More information can be found in the general solicitation and the topic-specific special announcements:

<https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html>. Center proposals are due to the sponsor by **May 4, 2023**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to ONE application per Center topic as lead (for a total of FOUR lead applications)**. If you are interested in applying to this program, please

submit a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a brief description (200 words) by **NOON on April 14, 2023** via UNM's [InfoReady Review portal](#). ****Because of the short turnaround time, this limited competition will be conducted on a first-come, first-served basis. This means that the first SOI we receive for each topic will be given the UNM slot.****

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.