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Subject: Limited Competition: Department of Energy (DOE) Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DOE EPSCoR) Implementation Grants (DE-FOA-0002431)

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UNM Researchers,

The DOE Established Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DOE EPSCoR) announces its interest in receiving new and renewal applications from eligible jurisdictions for Implementation Grants. Grants awarded under this program are intended to improve research capability through the support of a group of scientists and engineers, including graduate students and post-doctoral fellows, working on a common scientific theme in one or more EPSCoR jurisdictions. These awards are not appropriate mechanisms to provide support for individual faculty science and technology research projects. While the academic, non-profit and industrial research community is welcome to lead or to participate in applications, **a strong component of graduate student education is required for all applicants.**

The objectives of the DOE EPSCoR Implementation Grants are to:

- Jumpstart capability development in the jurisdiction(s) through increased human and technical resources.
- Support a group of researchers working on a common scientific theme, with mutually supporting goals and objectives.
- When topically relevant to the subject matter of the application, promote collaborations with other institutions of higher education and industry with strong participation by students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty from EPSCoR eligible institutions. These collaborations may include institutions from other EPSCoR jurisdictions. Collaborations involving more than one institution or more than one EPSCoR jurisdiction, while welcome, are not a requirement.

After an initial project period of up to two years, renewal applications will be considered for up to two additional project periods of up to two years each. The award size will depend on the number of meritorious applications and the availability of appropriated funds with a ceiling of \$1,500,000 per year for new awards and \$2,500,000 per year for renewal awards; and a floor of \$1,000,000 per year for new awards and \$1,500,000 per year for renewal awards.

The submission deadline to DOE for pre-applications is December 15, 2020. Full applications are due March 2, 2021.

For complete program details, please click on this link: https://science.osti.gov/-/media/grants/pdf/foas/2021/SC_FOA_0002431.pdf?la=en&hash=AA95A8C2B8C03FB46CCE6E326FF43CD50B7B60A

This is a limited competition. Applicant institutions are limited to no more than **one** pre-application, either for a new award **or** for a renewal award. The Limited Competitions Management Team is holding a **two-part internal competition process**:

1) If you anticipate that you will be submitting a pre-application for this internal competition, please send a statement of interest (no more than 500 words) with: a) the topical research area(s) of interest and the relevant DOE program offices; b) a clear description of the objectives and technical approach of the proposed research, including how you will include graduate students; c) collaborators and their EPSCoR Jurisdictions you will include; and d) a brief informal statement of the total project costs to limited@unm.edu by **Friday, November 6, 2020**. Note: The statement of interest is required in order for the preliminary proposal to be reviewed by the limited competitions committee.

2) Please submit a 3-page pre-proposal, budget overview and a short biosketch for the PI in a SINGLE PDF file by NOON on Wednesday, November 11, 2020 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: DOE EPSCoR - your name. No late submissions will be considered.

The 3- page **pre-proposal must contain:**

- a) The topical research area or areas with respect to the relevant DOE program office or offices, and the office's specific program goals.
- b) A description of the proposed research, including the objectives and technical approach.
- c) The opportunities for enhanced academic research and development competitiveness and, if appropriate, industrial or economic competitiveness, for the jurisdiction, including plans for the acquisition of sustained non-EPSCoR support.
- d) A brief management plan for how you will coordinate multiple investigators working on a common theme.
- e) The approach you will undertake regarding graduate student education.
- f) Names of collaborator(s), their institutions, and EPSCoR jurisdiction(s), including any FFRDCs and/or national lab partnerships you may include.
- g) A brief informal estimate of total project costs.

Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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