

Department of Energy Issues Request for Pre-Applications to U.S. Universities for Nuclear Energy Research and Development Proposals

WASHINGTON, DC –“ The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced a new Request for Pre-Applications for universities interested in conducting cutting-edge nuclear energy research and development (R&D).

"Nuclear energy is our largest source of carbon free energy and must play a major role as we face the threat of climate change and transition to a thriving clean energy economy," said Secretary Chu. "This announcement reflects a strong partnership with our great research institutions to ensure that America remains on the cutting edge of nuclear energy research and development. It will help us to create the jobs of the future that will power America's economy."

DOE expects to fund up to \$49.7 million in research through its Nuclear Energy University Programs in fiscal year 2010 pending final appropriation. The maximum total amount awarded per project will be \$1.5 million for three to four years.

The request for research and development pre-applications is available at the University Programs link at the NE website, <http://nuclear.energy.gov>. Proposals are due November 10, 2009, and must be submitted through <https://inlportal.inl.gov/portal/server.pt?open=512&objID=600&mode=2> to be considered. In early November, DOE anticipates inviting principal investigators of selected proposals to submit full proposals by mid-December 2009.

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