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**IMPLEMENTATION AWARD ANNOUNCEMENT
And
PREPROPOSAL GUIDELINES
For
Nevada DOE EPSCoR
Deadline: Wednesday, August 26, 2009**

Introduction:

Nevada is eligible for a new three-year award from the Department of Energy (DOE) Experimental Program for the Stimulation of Competitive Research (EPSCoR) Implementation Awards. The DOE EPSCoR award is expected to provide a maximum award level of \$1 million, per year for a three-year period. No cost share is required; however a commitment from a DOE Program Office that will fund up to 10 percent of the proposed effort is a new requirement for this round of DOE EPSCoR Implementation awards. More information is available at: <http://www.nevada.edu/epscor/current-solicitations.html>.

The objectives of the DOE Implementation Awards is to:

- Improve the capability of the designated EPSCoR jurisdiction to conduct sustainable and nationally competitive research sponsored by DOE.
- Support a group of researchers working on a common theme across an EPSCoR jurisdiction or jurisdictions.
- Jumpstart infrastructure development in an EPSCoR jurisdiction or jurisdictions through increased human and technical resources.
- Promote partnering where appropriate, with other universities, industry and with national laboratories.

A successful implementation award will also demonstrate strong participation by students, postdoctoral fellows, and junior faculty from EPSCoR jurisdictions.

There are three phases to the DOE EPSCoR Implementation Award proposal process in Nevada: 1) a Letter of Intent (LOI), 2) a Preproposal, and 3) one full proposal selected to be submitted for the State of Nevada. The overall schedule is on the following page:

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**THE FY 2009 TIMETABLE
For
Nevada DOE EPSCoR**

Due dates are driven by the solicitation
DOE EPSCoR DE-PS02-09ER09-12
Visit the Nevada EPSCoR web page for updates at
<http://www.nevada.edu/epscor/current-solicitations.html>

Wednesday, August 5, 2009	Letter of Intent (LOI) due. Nevada researchers submit a one-page LOI to the Nevada EPSCoR office at david.shafer@dri.edu and lori.brazfield@nshe.nevada.edu
Wednesday, August 26, 2009	Preproposals due
TBD, September, 2009	Top (one) Preproposal selected and faculty notified
Friday, October 9, 2008	Selected full proposal due and Nevada DOE EPSCoR package submitted. (Note: all full proposals must meet DOE criteria. Format defined in the FY 2009) https://ecenter.doe.gov/iips/faopor.nsf/UNID/3C2B76EC1DC85231852575B60045FF5C?OpenDocument
TBD, April 2010	Awards Announced

Additional information on the LOI and Preproposal follows:

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**THE LETTER OF INTENT PROCESS
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The Principal Investigator must submit a Letter of Intent (LOI) in the body of a word document that is addressed to: lori_brazfield@nshe.nevada.edu and david.shafer@dri.edu by **Wednesday, August 5, 2009**.

The (LOI) must include:

- 1. Draft title of the proposal**
- 2. An abstract of the research**
- 3. The topical research area should be identified with respect to the relevant DOE Program Office or Offices as per the [FOA Notice 09-12.pdf](#) announcement (page 6).**

Only researchers who have submitted the LOI may submit a Preproposal. Submitting a LOI neither binds you to submit a DOE EPSCoR Preproposal, nor does it bind you to the specifics of the abstract included in the LOI.

You can find Nevada's internal solicitation to format your proposed project at <http://www.nevada.edu/epscor/current-solicitations.html>

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**Preproposal
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I. Preproposal Content:

A. Project Narrative

The project narrative of the preproposal must be prepared using font size Arial 11 or larger with 1 inch margins and not to exceed 10 pages. A complete preproposal must include the following sections (as clearly described in the DOE solicitation):

- a. Cover Page (use attached template)
- b. Project Summary (one page)
- c. Project Narrative
- d. List of Collaborating Institutions/Co-PIs
- e. Project Objectives
- f. Project Timetable

B. Appendix – attach the required documents in following order

- a. Biographical Sketch/Curriculum Vita (Provide a two-page CV for the PI and significant collaborators).
- b. Current and Pending (use attached template)
- c. Bibliography & References Cited
- d. Facilities and Other Resources (use attached template)

C. Budget/Budget Justification

The following documents are to be included.

- a. Budget Form (see required budget form in Excel)

- b. Provide a detailed budget justification

Budgets must be developed for each one-year budget period. Material provided for B. and C. do not count toward the 10 page project pre-proposal narrative

II. Preproposal Submission Requirements and Deadline:

Preproposals not conforming to the above specifications and late submissions will not be reviewed. Any submission after 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2009 will be considered late and will not be accepted.

Electronic Submission:

Convert the entire preproposal (Sections A through C) to a PDF file, and email it - **no later than 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, August 26, 2009** - directly to: david.shafer@dri.edu and lori.brazfield@nshe.nevada.edu.

III. Preproposal Review Process:

Reviewer Guidelines:

A panel of external reviewers will meet to recommend a project for submission to DOE and make the final selection. Project selection will be based on review of pre-proposals and using the following criteria:

1. Scientific and /or Technical Merit of the Project
2. Appropriateness of the Proposed Methods and/or Approach
3. Competency of the Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Research
4. Reasonableness of the budget
5. Evidence of support by a DOE Program Office

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Links to DOE Programs and Program Offices:

Department of Energy (General Information): <http://www.energy.gov/>

Office of Science: <http://www.science.doe.gov/>

Basic Energy Sciences: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/bes/bes.html>

Biological and Environmental Research: http://www.sc.doe.gov/ober/ober_top.html

Advanced Scientific Computing Research: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/ascr/index.html>

Fusion Energy Sciences: <http://www.science.doe.gov/ofes.html>

High Energy Physics: <http://www.science.doe.gov/hep/index.html>

Nuclear Physics: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/np.html>

National Nuclear Security Administration: <http://www.nnsa.doe.gov/>

Office of Electricity Delivery and Energy Reliability: <http://www.oe.energy.gov/>

Office of Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy: <http://www.eere.doe.gov>

Office of Fossil Energy: <http://www.fe.doe.gov>

Office of Nuclear Energy: <http://www.ne.doe.gov>

Office of Environmental Management: <http://www.em.doe.gov>

Office of Legacy Management: <http://www.olm.doe.gov>

Office of Civilian Radioactive Waste Management: <http://www.rw.doe.gov>