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REGISTRATIONS

A. Systems to Register In

There are several one-time actions you must complete in order to submit an application in response to this Announcement. Applicants not currently registered with SAM and Grants.gov should allow **at least 44 days** to complete these requirements. You are encouraged to start the process as soon as possible.

Applicants must obtain a DUNS number at <http://fedgov.dnb.com/webform>.

Applicants must register with the System for Award Management (SAM) at <http://www.sam.gov/>. If you had an active registration in the Central Contractor Registry (CCR), you should have an active registration in SAM. More information about SAM registration for applicants is found at https://www.sam.gov/sam/transcript/Quick_Guide_for_Grants_Registrations_v1.7.pdf.

Applicants must register with FedConnect at www.fedconnect.net. If an award is made, the full and binding version of the assistance agreement between your institution and DOE will be posted to FedConnect.

Recipients must register with the Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act Subaward Reporting System at <https://www.frs.gov>. This registration must be completed before an award may be made: you are advised to register while preparing your application.

B. Registering in Grants.gov

Applicants must register with Grants.gov. There are 3 steps to this process.

1. The Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) must register at: <https://apply07.grants.gov/apply/OrcRegister>
2. An email is sent to the E-Business (E-Biz) POC listed in SAM. The E-Biz POC must approve the AOR registration using their MPIN from their SAM registration.
3. AOR verifies that registration was completed at: http://grants.gov/applicants/applicant_profile.jsp.

More information about the above steps is provided at: http://www.grants.gov/applicants/organization_registration.jsp.

Questions relating to the registration process, **system requirements, or how an application form works** must be directed to Grants.gov at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov.

IMPORTANT NOTICE: When you have completed the grants.gov registration process, you should call the Grants.gov Helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 to verify that you have completed the final step (i.e., Grants.gov registration).

Applicants must download the application package, application forms and instructions, from Grants.gov at <http://www.grants.gov/> (Additional instructions are provided in Section IV A of this FOA.)

Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov to be considered for award. You cannot submit an application through Grants.gov unless you are registered. Please read the registration requirements carefully and start the process immediately. Remember you have to update your SAM registration annually. If you have any questions about your registration, you should contact the Grants.gov Helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 to verify that you are still registered in Grants.gov.

C. DOE Office of Science Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS)

The DOE Office of Science performs many functions for grants and cooperative agreements in the Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS), which is available at <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov>.

There are many activities that you can perform in PAMS, and more functionality will be added throughout the near future. Most significantly, you can “register to” your application: you can link yourself to the application after it has been submitted through grants.gov. You will submit preapplications and letters of intent through PAMS.

You must register in PAMS to submit a pre-application or a letter of intent.

To access PAMS, you may use the Internet Explorer, Firefox, Google Chrome, or Safari browsers.

Notifications sent from the PAMS system will come from the PAMS email address PAMS.Autoreply@science.doe.gov. Please make sure your email server/software allows delivery of emails from the PAMS email address to yours.

Registering to PAMS is a two-step process; once you create an individual account, you must associate yourself with (“register to”) your institution. Detailed steps are listed below.

1. CREATE PAMS ACCOUNT:

To register, click the “Create New PAMS Account” link on the website <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>.

- Click the “No, I have never had an account” link and then the “Create Account” button.
- You will be prompted to enter your name and email address, create a username and password, and select a security question and answer. Once you have done this, click the “Save and Continue” button.
- On the next page, enter the required information (at least one phone number and your mailing address) and any optional information you wish to provide (e.g., FAX number, website, mailstop code, additional email addresses or phone numbers, Division/Department). Click the “Create Account” button.

- Read the user agreement and click the “Accept” button to indicate that you understand your responsibilities and agree to comply with the rules of behavior for PAMS.
- PAMS will take you the “Having Trouble Logging In?” page.

2. REGISTER TO YOUR INSTITUTION:

- Click the link labeled “Option 2: I know my institution and I am here to register to the institution.” (Note: If you previously created a PAMS account but did not register to an institution at that time, you must click the Institutions tab and click the “Register to Institution” link.)
- PAMS will take you to the “Register to Institution” page.
- Type a word or phrase from your institution name in the field labeled, “Institution Name like,” choose the radio button next to the item that best describes your role in the system, and click the “Search” button. (Hint: If your institution has an acronym, such as ANL for Argonne National Laboratory or UCLA for the Regents of the University of California, Los Angeles, you may search for the acronym under “Institution Name like.” Many institutions with acronyms are listed in PAMS with their acronyms in parentheses after their names.)
- Find your institution in the list that is returned by the search and click the “Actions” link in the Options column next to the institution name to obtain a dropdown list. Select “Add me to this institution” from the dropdown. PAMS will take you to the “Institutions – List” page.
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For help with PAMS, click the “External User Guide” link on the PAMS website, <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>. You may also contact the PAMS Help Desk, which can be reached Monday through Friday, 9AM – 5:30 PM Eastern Time. Telephone: (855) 818-1846 (toll free) or (301) 903-9610, Email: sc.pams-helpdesk@science.doe.gov. All submissions and inquiries about this Funding Opportunity Announcement should reference DE-FOA-0000918.

Section I – FUNDING OPPORTUNITY DESCRIPTION

GENERAL INQUIRIES ABOUT THIS FOA SHOULD BE DIRECTED TO:

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STATUTORY AUTHORITY

Public Law 95-91, US Department of Energy Organization Act
Public Law 109-58, Energy Policy Act of 2005

APPLICABLE REGULATIONS

U.S. Department of Energy Financial Assistance Rules, codified at 10 CFR 600
U.S. Department of Energy, Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Rule, codified at 10 CFR 605

SUMMARY

The Advanced Scientific Computing Research (ASCR) program of the Office of Science (SC), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), hereby invites applications for basic research in novel mathematical and statistical methods, models, and tools for the representation, analysis, and understanding of DOE data-centric science at scale. In particular, this FOA is seeking long-term research that will impact DOE data-centric science challenges related to orders of magnitude improvement in modeling and simulation capabilities on next-generation computer architectures and next-generation science facilities producing dramatic increases in data velocity, volume, and complexity.

DOE research activities generate data from scientific instruments, modeling and simulation, and from other sources at an unprecedented rate making effective, timely analysis challenging; yet data holds the key to breakthroughs in many scientific areas. Exploration and understanding of massive science data is emerging as a bottleneck in many DOE science and engineering domains, both due to lack of scalability of the underlying algorithms and due to the complexity of the data that needs to be analyzed. The challenges of massive science data goes far beyond volume, it includes heterogeneity, timeliness, and complexity throughout all phases of the research cycle from generation to scientific insights. The DOE data-centric computing challenges are unique and two-fold: (1) analyzing data generated at DOE advanced experimental facilities and observatories, and (2) data generated from high-resolution simulations on massively parallel computers for complex applications. Over the next decade, major changes are occurring not only in detector and other measurement technologies at DOE experimental and observational facilities resulting in data

volume, velocity, and complexity increasing by orders of magnitude but also in scientific computing technology (e.g., processors, memory and interconnect systems) enabling orders of magnitude increase in modeling and simulation capability. Science research at these scales will require fundamentally different techniques, tools, and approaches to address these technology changes.

More information is provided in the SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION below. A companion Program Announcement open to DOE National Laboratories (LAB 13-918) will be posted on the SC Grants and Contracts web site at: <http://www.science.doe.gov/grants>

SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION

Common across commerce, science and national security is the need to advance state-of-the-art technologies needed to collect, store, preserve, manage, analyze, and share huge quantities of data [1]. The DOE shares some common data-centric computing challenges with other organizations; however, there are two broad categories in which DOE's missions lead to unique data-centric computing needs. First, the DOE is internationally acknowledged as a leader in the use of advanced computing to simulate complex physical and engineering systems. DOE researchers routinely compute detailed models of time-dependent 3D systems on the world's largest computers. These simulations generate enormous datasets that are difficult to extract, analyze and archive [2]. Major changes are occurring with computer architectures [3]. To effectively utilize next-generation computer systems at scale, attention will have to be given to the anticipated architectural features such as much higher levels of concurrency, the high cost of data movement and storage, reduced memory sizes per core and resiliency. The orders of magnitude improvement in modeling and simulation capabilities on next-generation computer architectures will result in significant data analysis problems for DOE science at scale.

The second unique DOE data-centric challenge relates to the DOE managing some of the nation's most advanced experimental and observational facilities, which generate tremendous amounts of science data. Datasets generated at the DOE's advanced facilities today are beginning to outstrip current analysis capabilities. The success of the user community in producing high-impact science using existing facilities is spurring expansion, modernization and construction of next-generation facilities [4]. In order to fulfill their scientific promise, these next-generation facilities will produce dramatic increases in data velocity, volume, and complexity over the next decade. These large volumes of increasingly complex data will inevitably result in a mismatch in data analysis with scientific goals and degrade the efficiency in design of experiments. Matching science productivity to experimental capability will depend on the development and application on new approaches to enable faster data analysis turn-around times.

Several workshop reports provide additional details on the mathematical, statistical and computational challenges related to DOE data-centric science [5-12]. This purpose of this FOA is to invite applications in ASCR Applied Mathematics basic research in novel mathematical and statistical methods, models, and tools for the representation, analysis, and understanding of DOE data-centric science at scale. Areas of interest include, but are not limited to:

- Data and Dimension Reduction
 - Novel mathematical approaches and improved methods for data and dimension reduction for extracting pertinent subsets, features of interest, or low-dimensional patterns.
 - Algorithms that are robust to spatial and temporal variations in the data. Methodologies for analyzing data, distributed over space and time, with changing local properties that may not statistically resemble the global properties of the data.
 - Improved sampling methodologies that address the complexity and high-dimensionality of the data.
- Automated analysis
 - Real-time anomaly identification in streaming and evolving data for detecting and responding to interesting phenomena that may be short-lived or urgent.
 - Approximate algorithms for large, high-dimensional data sets. The increasing size of data from experimental and observational facilities may require algorithms that return an approximate result in a short time enabling more accurate end results.
 - As the volume, velocity, and variety of data from experimental facilities increase, and the data collected are uncertain and imprecise, advances in automated analysis and algorithm research are required to address these challenges.
- Integration of observational data, experimental data, simulation and models
 - Mathematical and statistical approaches for combining data of different types and quality. Techniques should address the challenges that different experiments may be linked across time- or length-scales, or provide different physics insights into a phenomenon.
 - Mathematical and statistical techniques to integrate large-scale, heterogeneous, high-dimensional data from observation and/or experiment with simulations and models. Observational data may be used to guide the construction of the model and to adjust and identify the parameters that define a model. Conversely, simulations or models may be used to understand measurements or observations. New methods and algorithms are needed for data-driven model validation and control and the effective design of experiments, both physical and computational.
 - Improved techniques for solution to the inverse problem. Inverse problems may be particularly challenging when the volume of data is large and the quality of the data is variable and/or poor. Consideration must be given to the ill-posedness, the computational cost of any solution, and the need to exploit domain information to make the problem tractable.
 - Inference, prediction and reasoning under uncertainty.

Applications submitted in response to this FOA must substantively address the following areas:

1. Advances in applied mathematics and/or statistics basic research: Does the proposed research develop a strong mathematical or statistical foundation for data-centric science? Do the proposed methods and algorithms have the potential to provide a new and/or significant capability for enabling DOE data-centric science over the next decade?
2. Impact for DOE science and engineering challenges: What are the significant or compelling DOE science drivers motivating the proposed research? In the long-term, how will the proposed research impact DOE applications?

3. Applicability to real-world data: Projects should discuss, and preferably, demonstrate applicability to real-world data. Simulated data based on high fidelity models are also acceptable.
4. Scalability: Projects should discuss algorithmic scalability, scalability with regard to the amount of data produced by experiment, observation and/or simulation, and parallel scalability on future computing architectures.

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<http://www.whitehouse.gov/sites/default/files/microsites/ostp/pcast-nitrd-report-2010.pdf>

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<http://ieeexplore.ieee.org.proxy.osti.gov/stamp/stamp.jsp?tp=&arnumber=5999634>

[3] “Scientific Grand Challenges: Architectures and Technology for Extreme Scale Computing”, Report from the workshop held December 8-10, 2009.

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[9] “Scientific Discovery at the Exascale”, Report from the Workshop on Exascale Data Management, Analysis, and Visualization held February 2011.

<http://science.energy.gov/~media/ascr/pdf/program-documents/docs/Exascale-ASCR-Analysis.pdf>

[10] “Scientific Grand Challenges: Cross-Cutting Technologies for Computing at the Exascale” Report from the workshop held February 2010.

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[11] “BER Virtual Laboratory: Innovative Framework for Biological and Environment Grand Challenges”, Report from the Biological and Environmental Research Advisory Committee, 2013.

http://science.energy.gov/~media/ber/berac/pdf/Reports/BER_VirtualLaboratory_finalwebLR.pdf

[12] “Scientific Grand Challenges: Challenges for Understanding the Quantum Universe and the Role of Computing at the Extreme Scale”, Report from the workshop held December 2008.

http://science.energy.gov/~media/ascr/pdf/program-documents/docs/Hep_report.pdf

Collaboration

Collaborative research projects with other institutions such as universities, industry, non-profit organizations, and Federally Funded Research and Development Centers (FFRDCs), including the DOE National Laboratories are encouraged but not required. Collaborative applications submitted from different institutions should clearly indicate they are part of a proposed collaboration. All collaborative applications must use the same title, abstract and technical narrative. In addition, such applications must describe the work and the associated budget for the research effort to be performed under the leadership of the principal investigator in each participating institution. The first page of collaborative applications should contain the project title followed by a tabular list of the researcher names, institutions, annual budget, and role as lead PI or co-PI of each participant. These collaborative applications should all have the same title as the lead institution. Each collaborating institution submitting an application must use the same title in Block 11 of the SF 424 (R&R) form.

Our intent is to create from the various applications associated with a collaborative group one document for merit review that consists of the common, identical application materials combined with a set of detailed budgets from the partner institutions. Thus, it is very important that every application in the collaborative group be exactly identical (including the title) with the exception of the budget and budget justification pages.

Collaborative proposals from DOE National Laboratories should be submitted following the above rules in response to the companion announcement, LAB 13-918.

Section II – AWARD INFORMATION

A. TYPE OF AWARD INSTRUMENT

DOE anticipates awarding grants under this FOA.

DOE will consider funding multi-institution collaborations under this FOA.

B. ESTIMATED FUNDING

It is anticipated that up to \$3,000,000 per year will be available under this FOA and DOE National Laboratory Announcement LAB 13-918, contingent on satisfactory peer review and the availability of appropriated funds. Applicants should request project support for up to three years, with out-year support contingent on the availability of appropriated funds, progress of the research, and programmatic needs. Awards are expected to begin in Fiscal Year 2014, with an anticipated start date of 01/15/2014.

DOE is under no obligation to pay for any costs associated with preparation or submission of applications. DOE reserves the right to fund, in whole or in part, any, all, or none of the applications submitted in response to this FOA.

C. MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM AWARD SIZE

(See B. Estimated Funding Section above.)

The award size will depend on the number of meritorious applications and the availability of appropriated funds.

Ceiling

\$1,000,000 per year

Floor

\$150,000 per year

D. EXPECTED NUMBER OF AWARDS

(See B. Estimated Funding Section above.)

It is anticipated that approximately 3 to 8 projects will be funded, each with a total project budget ranging from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000 per year. Each institution that participates in a funded project receives a separate award.

The exact number of awards will depend on the number of meritorious applications and the availability of appropriated funds.

E. ANTICIPATED AWARD SIZE

(See B. Estimated Funding Section above.)

It is anticipated that approximately 3 to 8 projects will be funded, each with a total project budget ranging from \$150,000 to \$1,000,000 per year. Each institution that participates in a funded project receives a separate award.

F. PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE

(See B. Estimated Funding section above.)

Research Grant Awards are expected to be made for a period of three years. Out-year funding will depend upon suitable progress and the availability of appropriated funds.

G. TYPE OF APPLICATION

DOE will accept new applications under this FOA.

Section III – ELIGIBILITY INFORMATION

A. ELIGIBLE APPLICANTS

All types of applicants are eligible to apply, except Federally Funded Research and Development Center (FFRDC) Contractors, and nonprofit organizations described in section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 that engaged in lobbying activities after December 31, 1995.

B. COST SHARING

Cost sharing is not required.

C. ELIGIBLE INDIVIDUALS

Individuals with the skills, knowledge, and resources necessary to carry out the proposed research as a Program Director/Principal Investigator are invited to work with their organizations to develop an application for assistance. Individuals from underrepresented groups as well as individuals with disabilities are always encouraged to apply for assistance.

Section IV – APPLICATION AND SUBMISSION INFORMATION

A. ADDRESS TO REQUEST APPLICATION PACKAGE

Application forms and instructions are available at Grants.gov. To access these materials, go to <http://www.grants.gov>, select “Apply for Grants”, and then select “Download Application Package.” Enter the CFDA number (81.049) and/or the funding opportunity number (DE-FOA-0000918) shown on the cover of this FOA and then follow the prompts to download the application package.

Applications submitted through www.FedConnect.net will not be accepted.

B. LETTER OF INTENT AND PRE-APPLICATION

1. Letter of Intent

N/A.

2. Pre-application

PRE-APPLICATION DUE DATE

June 3, 2013 at 5 PM Eastern Time

A pre-application is required and must be submitted by **June 3, 2013 at 5 PM Eastern Time**. Only the Lead Institution must submit the pre-application. Failure to submit a pre-application will preclude the full application from consideration.

Pre-applications will be reviewed for responsiveness of the proposed work to the research topics identified in this FOA. DOE will send a response by email to each applicant encouraging or discouraging the submission of a formal application by Friday June 7, 2013. Applicants who have not received a response regarding the status of their preapplication by this date are responsible for contacting the program to confirm this status. **Only those applicants that receive notification from DOE encouraging a formal application may submit full applications.** No other formal applications will be considered.

Those pre-applications that are encouraged will be used to help the Office of Science begin planning for the formal application peer review process. The intent of the Office of Science in discouraging submission of certain full applications is to save time and effort of applicants in preparing an application that is unlikely to be selected for award negotiations. Such assessments do not necessarily reflect judgments on the merits of the proposed project.

Pre-applications will be evaluated with respect to the scope and research directions as outlined in the SUMMARY and SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION sections. The pre-application should contain (1) a cover sheet, (2) a technical narrative, and (3) conflict of interest information.

The cover sheet identifies the name, institutional affiliation, e-mail address and telephone number of the Lead Principal Investigator and Senior/Key personnel expected to be involved in the project, and an estimated amount of funding requested for each year and for each funded institution. No biographical data need be included.

The technical narrative may not exceed two pages, with a minimum text font size of 11 point and margins no smaller than one inch on all sides. Figures and references, if included, must fit within the two-page limit. The technical narrative must provide a clear and concise description of the objectives and technical approach of the proposed research.

To help the Office of Science avoid conflicts of interest (COI) in identifying potential reviewers, a list of collaborators, co-editors, and graduate/postdoctoral advisors and advisees must be submitted with the pre-application. These lists should be the final set of pages in the pdf pre-application file and will not count against the two-page limit for the pre-application. A COI list for the Lead Principal Investigator and each project collaborator (supported or unsupported) is required. Further guidance on how to prepare this COI list for each project member is included in the next two paragraphs.

Collaborators and Co-editors: List, in alphabetical order, all persons, including their current organizational affiliations, who are, or who have been, collaborators or co-authors with you on a research project, book or book article, report, abstract, or paper during the 48 months preceding July 2013. For publications or collaborations with more than 10 authors or participants, only list those individuals in the core group for which interactions occurred on a regular basis while the research was being done. Also, list any individuals who are currently or have been in the past co-editors on a special issue with you on a journal, compendium, or conference proceedings during the 24 months preceding July 2013. If there are no collaborators or co-editors to report, state “None.”

Graduate and Postdoctoral Advisors and Advisees: List the names of your graduate advisor(s) and principal postdoctoral sponsor(s) and their current organizational affiliations. Also, list the names of your graduate students and postdoctoral associates during the past five years. Those pre-applications that are encouraged will be used to help the Office of Science begin planning for the formal application peer review process. The intent of the Office of Science in discouraging submission of certain full applications is to save the time and effort of applicants in preparing and submitting formal applications not responsive to this funding opportunity announcement. .

It is important that the pre-application be a single file with extension .pdf, .docx, or .doc. The pre-application must be submitted electronically through the DOE Office of Science Portfolio Analysis and Management System (PAMS) website <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>. The Principal Investigator and anyone submitting on behalf of the Principal Investigator must register for an account in PAMS before it will be possible to submit a pre-application. All PIs and those submitting pre-applications on behalf of PIs are encouraged to establish PAMS accounts as soon as possible to avoid submission delays.

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- You will be prompted to enter your name and email address, create a username and password, and select a security question and answer. Once you have done this, click the “Save and Continue” button.
- On the next page, enter the required information (at least one phone number and your mailing address) and any optional information you wish to provide (e.g., FAX number, website, mailstop code, additional email addresses or phone numbers, Division/Department). Click the “Create Account” button.
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- If, after searching, you think your institution is not currently in the database, click the “Cannot Find My Institution” button and enter the requested institution information into PAMS. Click the “Create Institution” button. PAMS will add the institution to the system, associate your profile with the new institution, and return you to the “Institutions – List” page when you are finished.

Submit Your Pre-Application:

- Create your pre-application (called a preproposal in PAMS) outside the system and save it as a file with extension .docx, .doc, or .pdf. Make a note of the location of the file on your computer so you can browse for it later from within PAMS.
- Log into PAMS and click the Proposals tab. Click the “View / Respond to Funding Opportunity Announcements” link and find the current announcement in the list. Click the “Actions/Views” link in the Options column next to this announcement to obtain a dropdown menu. Select “Submit Preproposal” from the dropdown.
- On the Submit Preproposal page, select the institution from which you are submitting this preproposal from the Institution dropdown. If you are associated with only one institution in the system, there will only be one institution in the dropdown.
- Note that you must select one and only one Principal Investigator (PI) per preproposal; to do so, click the “Select PI” button on the far right side of the screen. Find the appropriate PI from the list of all registered users from your institution returned by PAMS. (Hint: You may have to sort, filter, or search through the list if it has multiple pages.) Click the “Actions” link in the Options column next to the appropriate PI to obtain a dropdown menu. From the dropdown, choose “Select PI.”
- If the PI for whom you are submitting does not appear on the list, it means he or she has not yet registered in PAMS. For your convenience, you may have PAMS send an email invitation to the PI to register in PAMS. To do so, click the “Invite PI” link at the top left of the “Select PI” screen. You can enter an optional personal message to the PI in the “Comments” box, and it will be included in the email sent by PAMS to the PI. You must wait until the PI registers before you can submit the preproposal. Save the preproposal for later work by clicking the “Save” button at the bottom of the screen. It will be stored in “My Preproposals” for later editing.
- Enter a title for your preproposal.
- Select the appropriate technical contact from the Program Manager dropdown.
- To upload the preproposal file into PAMS, click the “Attach File” button at the far right side of the screen. Click the “Browse” (or “Choose File” depending on your browser) button to search for your file. You may enter an optional description of the file you are attaching. Click the “Upload” button to upload the file.
- At the bottom of the screen, click the “Submit to DOE” button to save and submit the preproposal to DOE.
- Upon submission, the PI will receive an email from the PAMS system PAMS.Autoreply@science.doe.gov acknowledging receipt of the preproposal.

You are encouraged to register for an account in PAMS at least a week in advance of the preproposal submission deadline so that there will be no delays with your submission.

For help with PAMS, click the “External User Guide” link on the PAMS website, <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>. You may also contact the PAMS Help Desk, which can be reached Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 5:30 PM Eastern Time. Telephone: (855) 818-1846 (toll free) or (301) 903-9610, Email: sc.pams-helpdesk@science.doe.gov. All submissions and inquiries about this Funding Opportunity Announcement should reference **DE-FOA-0000918**.

C. CONTENT AND APPLICATION FORMS

You must complete the mandatory forms and any applicable optional forms (e.g., Disclosure of Lobbying Activities (SF-LLL)) in accordance with the instructions on the forms and the additional instructions below. Files that are attached to the forms must be in Adobe Portable Document Format (PDF) unless otherwise specified in this announcement.

1. SF-424 (R&R)

Complete this form first to populate data in other forms. Complete all the required fields in accordance with the pop-up instructions on the form. The list of certifications and assurances referenced in Field 17 is available on the DOE Financial Assistance Forms Page at <http://energy.gov/management/office-management/operational-management/financial-assistance/financial-assistance-forms> under Certifications and Assurances.

CERTIFICATIONS AND REPRESENTATIONS

By submitting an application in response to this FOA the Applicant represents and certifies that:

- It is **not** a corporation that has been convicted (or had an officer or agent of such corporation acting on behalf of the corporation convicted) of a felony criminal violation under **any** Federal law within the preceding 24 months,
- **No** officer or agent of the corporation have been convicted of a felony criminal violation for an offense arising out of actions for or on behalf of the corporation under Federal law in the past 24 months,
- It is **not** a corporation that has any unpaid Federal tax liability that has been assessed, for which all judicial and administrative remedies have been exhausted or have lapsed, and that is not being paid in a timely manner pursuant to an agreement with the authority responsible for collecting the tax liability,
- If chosen for a grant award in excess of \$1,000,000, it will, by the end of the Federal Government's fiscal year, upgrade the efficiency of its facilities by replacing any incandescent lighting of the type for which section 325 of the Energy Policy and Conservation Act (42 USC 6295) establishes a standard that does not meet or exceed the energy efficiency standard for incandescent light bulbs set forth in that section with a lamp that meets or exceeds the standards for lamps established in or pursuant to that section. .

PUBLIC POLICY REQUIREMENTS

The applicant assures DOE of its compliance with applicable public policy requirements, including the following:

Animal Welfare Act	7 USC 2131 et seq., 10 CFR 600, 10 CFR 602
Buy American Act	41 USC 10 et seq.
Cargo Preference Act	46 USC 55305, 46 CFR 381.7
Civil Rights Protections	10 CFR 1040, 10 CFR 600
Debarment and Suspension	10 CFR 600, 2 CFR 180, 2 CFR 901
Drug-Free Workplace Act	41 USC 701, 10 CFR 607
Environmental Protections	42 USC 7401, 33 USC 1251, 42 USC 4321, 10 CFR 600

False Claims Act	31 USC 3729, 18 USC 287, 18 USC 1001, 10 CFR 1013
Federal Funding Accountability and Transparency Act	P.L. 109-282, 2 CFR 170
Fly America Act	49 USC 40118
Hatch Act	5 USC 1501 et seq., 10 CFR 600
Human Research Subjects Protections	10 CFR 745, 10 CFR 600
Lobbying Disclosure Act	2 USC 1601 et seq.
Lobbying Prohibitions	31 USC 1352, 10 CFR 601
Metric System use	EO 12770
Non-delinquency on Federal Debt	28 USC 3201
Prohibition on benefitting Members of Congress	41 USC 6306
Seat Belt Use	EO 13043
Terrorist Financing	EO 13224, 66 FR 49079
Text Messaging While Driving	EO 13513, 74 FR 51225
Trafficking in Persons	22 USC 7104, 2 CFR 175

2. Research and Related Other Project Information

Complete questions 1 through 6 and attach files. The files must comply with the following instructions:

PROJECT SUMMARY/ABSTRACT (FIELD 7 ON THE FORM)

The project summary/abstract must contain a summary of the proposed activity suitable for dissemination to the public. It should be a self-contained document that identifies the name of the applicant, the project director/principal investigator(s) (PD/PI), the project title, the objectives of the project, a description of the project, including methods to be employed, the potential impact of the project (i.e., benefits, outcomes), and major participants (for collaborative projects). This document must not include any proprietary or sensitive business information as the Department may make it available to the public. The project summary must not exceed 1 page when printed using standard 8.5” by 11” paper with 1” margins (top, bottom, left and right) with font not smaller than 11 point. To attach a Project Summary/Abstract, click “Add Attachment.”

The abstract may be used to prepare publicly accessible reports about DOE-supported research.

DOE COVER PAGE

(PART OF PROJECT NARRATIVE ATTACHED TO FIELD 8 ON THE FORM)

The application narrative should begin with a cover page that will not count toward the project narrative page limitation. The cover page must include the following items:

- The project title
- Applicant/Institution:
- Street Address/City/State/Zip:
- Postal Address:
- Lead PI name, telephone number, email:
- Administrative Point of Contact name, telephone number, email:
- Funding Opportunity FOA Number: **DE-FOA-0000918**

- DOE/Office of Science Program Office: **Office of Advanced Scientific Computing Research**
- DOE/Office of Science Program Office Technical Contact: **Alexandra (Sandy) Landsberg**
- PAMS Preproposal tracking number:

COVER PAGE SUPPLEMENT FOR COLLABORATIONS
(PART OF PROJECT NARRATIVE ATTACHED TO FIELD 8 ON THE FORM)

Collaborative applications submitted from different institutions must clearly indicate they are part of a collaborative project/group. Every partner institution must submit an application through its own sponsored research office. Each application within the collaborative group, including the narrative and all required appendices and attachments, must be identical with one exception: The exception is that each application must contain unique budget and budget justification documents corresponding to the expenditures for that application’s submitting institution only. Each collaborative group can have only one lead institution. The common narrative must identify the lead institution and must contain a summary table describing the budget breakdown by institution for all participants.

Each application belonging to a collaborative group should have the same title in Block 11 of the SF 424 (R&R) form.

Our intent is to create from the various applications associated with a collaborative group one document for merit review that consists of the common, identical application materials combined with a set of detailed budgets from the partner institutions. Thus, it is very important that every application in the collaborative group be identical (including the title) with the exception of the budget and budget justification pages.

If the project is a collaboration, provide the following information on a separate page as a supplement to the cover page.

- List all collaborating institutions by name with each institution’s principal investigator on the same line.
- Indicate the lead PI who will be the point of contact and coordinator for the combined research activity.
- Include a table modeled on the following chart providing summary budget information from all collaborating institutions. Provide the total costs of the budget request in each year for each institution and totals for all rows and columns.

Name of Collaborative Project						
	Names	Institution	Year 1 Budget	Year 2 Budget	Year 3 Budget	Total Budget
Lead PI			\$	\$	\$	\$
Co-PI			\$	\$	\$	\$
Co-PI			\$	\$	\$	\$
TOTALS			\$	\$	\$	\$

Example budget table (\$ in thousands)

* Note that collaborating applications must be submitted separately.

PROJECT NARRATIVE (FIELD 8 ON THE FORM)

The project narrative **must not exceed 15 pages** of technical information, including charts, graphs, maps, photographs, and other pictorial presentations, when printed using standard 8.5” by 11” paper with 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right). The font must not be smaller than 11 point. Merit reviewers will only consider the number of pages specified in the first sentence of this paragraph. Proposals exceeding the page limit will be rejected without review.

Do not include any Internet addresses (URLs) that provide supplementary or additional information that constitutes a part of the application. Using Internet sites in an attempt to avoid page limits will fail: the content of those sites will not be reviewed. References posted to an Internet-based archive or publication are permitted in a list of references. See Part VIII. D for instructions on how to mark proprietary application information. To attach a Project Narrative, click “Add Attachment.”

Background/Introduction: Explanation of the importance and relevance of the proposed work as well as a review of the relevant literature.

Proposed Research and Methods: Identify the hypotheses to be tested (if any) and details of the methods to be used including the integration of experiments with theoretical and computational research efforts.

Timetable of Activities: Timeline for all major activities including milestones and deliverables.

Project Objectives: This section should provide a clear, concise statement of the specific objectives/aims of the proposed project.

The Project Narrative comprises the research plan for the project. It should contain enough background material in the Introduction, including review of the relevant literature, to demonstrate sufficient knowledge of the state of the science. The major part of the narrative should be devoted to a description and justification of the proposed project, including details of the method to be used. It should also include a timeline for the major activities of the proposed project, and should indicate which project personnel will be responsible for which activities.

It is important that the 15-page project narrative section provide a complete description of the proposed work, because reviewers are not obliged to read the Appendices. Applications exceeding these page limits may be rejected without review or the first 15 pages may be reviewed without regard to the remainder. The page count of 15 does not include the Cover Page and Budget Pages, the Title Page, the biographical material and publication information, or any Appendices.

APPENDIX 1: BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Provide a biographical sketch for the project director/principal investigator (PD/PI) and each senior/key person listed in Section A on the R&R Budget form.

- Provide the biographical sketch information as an appendix to your project narrative.
- Do not attach a separate file.
- The biographical sketch appendix will not count in the project narrative page limitation.
- The biographical information (curriculum vitae) for each person must not exceed 2 pages when printed on 8.5" by 11" paper with 1 inch margins (top, bottom, left, and right) with font not smaller than 11 point and must include:

Education and Training: Undergraduate, graduate and postdoctoral training, provide institution, major/area, degree and year.

Research and Professional Experience: Beginning with the current position list, in chronological order, professional/academic positions with a brief description.

Publications: Provide a list of up to 10 publications most closely related to the proposed project. For each publication, identify the names of all authors (in the same sequence in which they appear in the publication), the article title, book or journal title, volume number, page numbers, year of publication, and website address if available electronically. Patents, copyrights and software systems developed may be provided in addition to or substituted for publications.

Synergistic Activities: List no more than five professional and scholarly activities related to the effort proposed.

Identification of Potential Conflicts of Interest or Bias in Selection of Reviewers: Provide the following information in this section:

Collaborators and Co-editors: List in alphabetical order all persons, including their current organizational affiliation, who are, or who have been, collaborators or co-authors with you on a research project, book or book article, report, abstract, or paper during the 48 months preceding the submission of this application. For publications or collaborations with more than 10 authors or participants, only list those individuals in the core group with whom the Principal Investigator interacted on a regular basis while the research was being done. Also, list any individuals who are currently, or have been, co-editors with you on a special issue of a journal, compendium, or conference proceedings during the 24 months preceding the submission of this application. If there are no collaborators or co-editors to report, state "None."

Graduate and Postdoctoral Advisors and Advisees: List the names and current organizational affiliations of your graduate advisor(s) and principal postdoctoral sponsor(s) during the last 5 years. Also, list the names and current organizational affiliations of your graduate students and postdoctoral associates during the past 5 years.

APPENDIX 2: CURRENT AND PENDING SUPPORT

Provide a list of all current and pending support (both Federal and non-Federal) for the Project Director/Principal Investigator(s) (PD/PI) and senior/key persons, including subawardees, for ongoing projects and pending applications. For each organization providing support, show the total award amount for the entire award period (including indirect costs) and the number of person-months per year to be devoted to the project by the senior/key person. Provide the Current and Pending Support as an appendix to your project narrative. Concurrent submission of an application to other organizations for simultaneous consideration will not prejudice its review.

- Do not attach a separate file.
- This appendix will not count in the project narrative page limitation.

APPENDIX 3: BIBLIOGRAPHY & REFERENCES CITED

Provide a bibliography of any references cited in the Project Narrative. Each reference must include the names of all authors (in the same sequence in which they appear in the publication), the article and journal title, book title, volume number, page numbers, and year of publication. For research areas where there are routinely more than ten coauthors of archival publications, you may use an abbreviated style such as the Physical Review Letters (PRL) convention for citations (listing only the first author). For example, your paper may be listed as, “A Really Important New Result,” A. Aardvark et. al. (MONGO Collaboration), PRL 999. You may also use this convention in the proposal bibliography. Include only bibliographic citations. Applicants should be especially careful to follow scholarly practices in providing citations for source materials relied upon when preparing any section of the application. Provide the Bibliography and References Cited information as an appendix to your project narrative.

- Do not attach a separate file.
- This appendix will not count in the project narrative page limitation.

APPENDIX 4: FACILITIES & OTHER RESOURCES

This information is used to assess the capability of the organizational resources, including subawardee resources, available to perform the effort proposed. Identify the facilities to be used (Laboratory, Animal, Computer, Office, Clinical and Other). If appropriate, indicate their capacities, pertinent capabilities, relative proximity, and extent of availability to the project. Describe only those resources that are directly applicable to the proposed work. Describe other resources available to the project (e.g., machine shop, electronic shop) and the extent to which they would be available to the project. For proposed investigations requiring access to experimental user facilities maintained by institutions other than the applicant, please provide a document from the facility manager confirming that the researchers will have access to the facility. Please provide the Facility and Other Resource information as an appendix to your project narrative.

- Do not attach a separate file.
- This appendix will not count in the project narrative page limitation.

APPENDIX 5: EQUIPMENT

List major items of equipment already available for this project and, if appropriate identify location and pertinent capabilities. Provide the Equipment information as an appendix to your project narrative.

- Do not attach a separate file.
- This appendix will not count in the project narrative page limitation.

APPENDIX 6: OTHER ATTACHMENT

If you need to elaborate on your responses to questions 1-6 on the “Other Project Information” document, please provide the Other Attachment information as an appendix to your project narrative. Information not easily accessible to a reviewer may be included in this appendix, but do not use this appendix to circumvent the page limitations of the application. Reviewers are not required to consider information in an appendix, and reviewers may not have time to read extensive appendix materials with the same care they would use with the application proper.

- Do not attach a separate file.
- This appendix will not count in the project narrative page limitation.
- **Do not attach any of the requested appendices described above as files for fields 9, 10, 11, and 12.**
- **Follow the above instructions to include the information as appendices to the project narrative file.**
- **These appendices will not count toward the project narrative’s page limitation.**

3. Research and Related Budget

Complete the Research and Related Budget form in accordance with the instructions on the form (Activate Help Mode to see instructions) and the following instructions. You must complete a separate budget for each year of support requested. The form will generate a cumulative budget for the total project period. You must complete all the mandatory information on the form before the NEXT PERIOD button is activated. You may request funds under any of the categories listed as long as the item and amount are necessary to perform the proposed work, meet all the criteria for allowability under the applicable Federal cost principles, and are not prohibited by the funding restrictions in this FOA (See PART IV, G).

Budget Fields

Section A Senior/Key Person	For each Senior/Key Person, enter the requested information. List personnel, base salary, the number of months that person will be allocated to the project, requested salary fringe benefits, and the total funds requested for each person. The requested salary must be the product of the base salary and the effort. Include a written narrative in the budget justification that justifies the need for requested personnel.
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<p>Section B Other Personnel</p>	<p>List personnel, the number of months that person will be allocated to the project, requested salary fringe benefits, and the total funds requested for each person. Include a written narrative in the budget justification that fully justifies the need for requested personnel.</p>
<p>Section C Equipment</p>	<p>For the purpose of this budget, equipment is designated as an item of property that has an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more and an expected service life of more than one year. (Note that this designation applies for proposal budgeting only and differs from the DOE definition of capital equipment.) List each item of equipment separately and justify each in the budget justification section: do not aggregate items. Allowable items ordinarily will be limited to research equipment and apparatus not already available for the conduct of the work. General-purpose office equipment is not eligible for support unless primarily or exclusively used in the actual conduct of scientific research.</p>
<p>Section D Travel</p>	<p>For purposes of this section only, travel to Canada or to Mexico is considered domestic travel. In the budget justification, list each trip's destination, dates, estimated costs including transportation and subsistence, number of staff traveling, the purpose of the travel, and how it relates to the project. Indicate the basis for the cost estimate (quotes from vendors or suppliers, past experience of similar items, or some other basis). To qualify for support, attendance at meetings or conferences must enhance the investigator's capability to perform the research, plan extensions of it, or disseminate its results. Domestic travel is to be justified separately from foreign travel.</p>
<p>Section E Participant/Trainee Support Costs</p>	<p>If applicable, submit training support costs. Educational projects that intend to support trainees (precollege, college, graduate and post graduate) must list each trainee cost that includes stipend levels and amounts, cost of tuition for each trainee, cost of any travel (provide the same information as needed under the regular travel category), and costs for any related training expenses. Participant costs are those costs associated with conferences, workshops, symposia or institutes and breakout items should indicate the number of participants, cost for each participant, purpose of the conference, dates and places of meetings and any related administrative expenses. Indicate the basis for the cost estimate (quotes from vendors or suppliers, past experience of similar items, or some other basis).</p>
<p>Section F Other Direct Costs</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Materials and Supplies: Enter total funds requested for materials and supplies in the appropriate fields. In the budget justification, indicate general categories such as glassware, and chemicals, including an amount for each category (items not identified under "Equipment"). Categories less than \$1,000 are not required to be itemized. Indicate the basis for the cost estimate (quotes from vendors or suppliers, past experience of similar items, or some other basis). • Publication Costs: Enter the total publication funds requested. The proposal budget may request funds for the costs of documenting, preparing, publishing or otherwise making available to others the findings and products of the work conducted under the award. In the

	<p>budget justification, include supporting information. Indicate the basis for the cost estimate (quotes from vendors or suppliers, past experience of similar items, or some other basis).</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Consultant Services: Enter total funds requested for all consultant services. In the budget justification, identify each consultant, the services he/she will perform, total number of days, travel costs, and total estimated costs. Indicate the basis for the cost estimate (quotes from vendors or suppliers, past experience of similar items, or some other basis). • ADP/Computer Services: Enter total funds requested for ADP/Computer Services. The cost of computer services, including computer-based retrieval of scientific, technical and education information may be requested. In the budget justification, include the established computer service rates at the proposing organization if applicable. Indicate the basis for the cost estimate (quotes from vendors or suppliers, past experience of similar items, or some other basis). • Subawards/Consortium/Contractual Costs: Enter total costs for all subawards/consortium organizations and other contractual costs proposed for the project. In the budget justification, justify the details. • Equipment or Facility Rental/User Fees: Enter total funds requested for Equipment or Facility Rental/User Fees. In the budget justification, identify each rental/user fee and justify. Indicate the basis for the cost estimate (quotes from vendors or suppliers, past experience of similar items, or some other basis). • Alterations and Renovations: Enter total funds requested for Alterations and Renovations. In the budget justification, itemize by category and justify the costs of alterations and renovations, including repairs, painting, removal or installation of partitions, shielding, or air conditioning. Where applicable, provide the square footage and costs. • Other: Add text to describe any other Direct Costs not requested above. Enter costs associated with “Other” item(s). Use the budget justification to further itemize and justify.
Section G Direct Costs	This represents Total Direct Costs (Sections A through F)
Section H Other Indirect Costs	Enter the Indirect Cost information for each field. Only four general categories of indirect costs are allowed/requested on this form, so please consolidate if needed. Include the cognizant Federal agency and contact information if using a negotiated rate agreement.
Section I Total Direct and Indirect Costs	This is the total of Sections G and H

BUDGET JUSTIFICATION (FIELD K ON THE FORM)

Provide the required supporting information for the following costs (See R&R Budget instructions): equipment; domestic and foreign travel; participant/trainees; materials and supplies; publication; consultant services; ADP/computer services; subaward/consortium/contractual; equipment or facility rental/user fees; alterations and renovations; and indirect cost type. Provide any other information you wish to submit to justify your budget request. **Attach a single budget justification file for the entire project period in field K.** The file automatically carries over to each budget year.

4. R&R Subaward Budget Attachment(s) Form

Budgets for Subawardees, other than DOE FFRDC Contractors: You must provide a separate cumulative R&R budget for each subawardee that is expected to perform work estimated to be more than \$100,000 or 50 percent of the total work effort (whichever is less). If you are selected for award, you must submit a multi-year budget for each of these subawardees (See Section IV. D for submission of Subawardees' multi-year budgets). Download the R&R Budget Attachment from the R&R SUBAWARD BUDGET ATTACHMENT(S) FORM and e-mail it to each subawardee that is required to submit a separate budget. After the subawardee has e-mailed its completed budget back to you, attach it to one of the blocks provided on the form. Use up to 10 letters of the subawardee's name (plus.xfd) as the file name (e.g., ucla.xfd or energyres.xfd).

5. Project/Performance Site Location(s)

Indicate the primary site where the work will be performed. If a portion of the project will be performed at any other site(s), identify the site location(s) in the blocks provided.

Note that the Project/Performance Site Congressional District is entered in the format of the 2 digit state code followed by a dash and a 3 digit Congressional district code, for example VA-001. Hover over this field for additional instructions.

Use the Next Site button to expand the form to add additional Project/Performance Site Locations.

6. Summary of Required Forms/Files

Your application must include the following items:

Name of Document	Format	Attach to
SF 424 (R&R)	Form	N/A
RESEARCH AND RELATED Other Project Information	Form	N/A
Project Summary/Abstract	PDF	Field 7
Project Narrative, including required appendices	PDF	Field 8

RESEARCH & RELATED BUDGET	Form	N/A
Budget Justification	PDF	Field K
PROJECT/PERFORMANCE SITE LOCATION(S)	Form	N/A
SF-LLL Disclosure of Lobbying Activities, if applicable	Form	N/A

D. SUBMISSIONS FROM SUCCESSFUL APPLICANTS

If selected for award, DOE reserves the right to request additional or clarifying information for any reason deemed necessary, including, but not limited to:

- Indirect cost information
- Other budget information
- Name and phone number of the Designated Responsible Employee for complying with national policies prohibiting discrimination (See 10 CFR 1040.5)
- Representation of Limited Rights Data and Restricted Software, if applicable
- Commitment Letter from Third Parties Contributing to Cost Sharing, if applicable

E. SUBMISSION DATES AND TIMES

1. Letter of Intent Due Date

N/A

2. Pre-application Due Date

June 3 2013 at 5PM Eastern Time

3. Application Due Date

July 9, 2013 at 5PM Eastern Time

You are encouraged to transmit your application well before the deadline.

4. Late Submissions

Delays in submitting letters of intent, pre-applications, and applications may be unavoidable. DOE has accepted late submissions when applicants have been unable to make timely submissions because of technological disruptions or significant natural disasters. Other circumstances do not justify late submissions. Unacceptable justifications include the following:

- Failure to begin submission process early enough.
- Failure to provide sufficient time to complete the process.
- Failure to understand the submission process.

- Failure to understand the deadlines for submissions.
- Failure to satisfy prerequisite registrations.
- Unavailability of administrative personnel.

Applicants must contact the Program Office/Manager listed in this Funding Opportunity Announcement to discuss the option of a late submission.

DOE notes that not all requests for late submission will be accepted.

F. INTERGOVERNMENTAL REVIEW

This program is not subject to Executive Order 12372 Intergovernmental Review of Federal Programs.

G. FUNDING RESTRICTIONS

Funding for all awards and future budget periods are contingent upon the availability of funds appropriated by Congress for the purpose of this program and the availability of future-year budget authority.

Cost Principles: Costs must be allowable, allocable and reasonable in accordance with the applicable Federal cost principles referenced in 10 CFR 600. The cost principles for commercial organization are in FAR Part 31.

Pre-award Costs: Recipients may charge to an award resulting from this announcement pre-award costs that were incurred within the ninety (90) calendar day period immediately preceding the effective date of the award, if the costs are allowable in accordance with the applicable Federal cost principles referenced in 10 CFR 600 and 2 CFR 215. Recipients must obtain the prior approval of the contracting officer for any pre-award costs that are for periods greater than this 90 day calendar period.

Pre-award costs are incurred at the applicant's risk. DOE is under no obligation to reimburse such costs if for any reason the applicant does not receive an award or if the award is made for a lesser amount than the applicant expected.

H. OTHER SUBMISSION AND REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

1. Where to Submit

Applications must be submitted through [grants.gov](https://www.grants.gov) to be considered for award.

Submit electronic applications through the "Apply for Grants" function at www.Grants.gov. If you have problems completing the registration process or submitting your application, call Grants.gov at 1-800-518-4726 or send an email to support@grants.gov.

Please ensure that you have read the applicable instructions, guides, help notices, frequently asked questions, and other forms of technical support on grants.gov.

2. Registration Process

ONE-TIME REGISTRATION PROCESS

You must complete the one-time registration process (all steps) before you can submit your first application through Grants.gov (See http://www.grants.gov/applicants/get_registered.jsp). We recommend that you start this process at least six weeks before the application due date. It may take 44 days or more to complete the entire process. Use the Grants.gov Organizational Registration Checklists at <http://www.grants.gov/assets/OrganizationRegCheck.pdf> to guide you through the process. During the SAM registration process, you will be asked to designate an E-Business Point of Contact (EBIZ POC). The EBIZ POC must obtain a special password called “Marketing Partner Identification Number” (MPIN). When you have completed the process, you should call the Grants.gov Helpdesk at 1-800-518-4726 to verify that you have completed the final step (i.e., Grants.gov registration).

3. Application Receipt Notices

After an application is submitted, the Authorized Organization Representative (AOR) will receive a series of four e-mails. It is extremely important that the AOR watch for and save each of the emails. It may take up to two (2) business days from application submission to receipt of email Number 2. The titles of the four e-mails are:

Number 1 - Grants.gov Submission Receipt Number

Number 2 - Grants.gov Submission Validation Receipt for Application Number

Number 3 - Grants.gov Grantor Agency Retrieval Receipt for Application Number

Number 4 - Grants.gov Agency Tracking Number Assignment for Application Number

4. Viewing Submitted Applications

Each Grants.gov application submitted to the DOE Office of Science (SC) automatically transfers into PAMS and is subsequently assigned to a program manager. At the time of program manager assignment, the three people listed on the SF-424 (R&R) cover page will receive an email with the subject line, “Receipt of Proposal 0000xxxxxx by the DOE Office of Science.” These three people are the Principal Investigator (Block 14), Authorized Representative (Block 19), and Point of Contact (Block 5). In PAMS notation, applications are known as proposals, the Principal Investigator is known as the PI, the Authorized Representative is known as the Sponsored Research Officer/Business Officer/Administrative Officer (SRO/BO/AO), and the Point of Contact is known as the POC.

Once the email is sent, the PI, SRO/BO/PO, and POC will each be able to view the submitted proposal in PAMS. Viewing the proposal is optional.

Following are two sets of instructions for viewing the submitted proposal, one for individuals who already have PAMS accounts and one for those who do not.

If you already have a PAMS account, follow these instructions:

1. Log in to PAMS at <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>.
2. Click the “Proposals” tab and click “Access Previously Submitted Grants.gov Proposal.”
3. Enter the following information:
 - Proposal ID: Enter the ten-digit PAMS proposal ID, including the leading zeros (e.g., 00002xxxxx). Do not use the Grants.gov proposal number. Use the PAMS number previously sent to you in the email with subject line, “Receipt of Proposal ...”.
 - Email (as entered in Grants.gov proposal): Enter your email address as it appears on the SF424(R&R) Cover Page.
 - Choose Role: Select the radio button in front of the role corresponding to the SF-424 (R&R) cover page. If your name appears in block 19 of the SF-424 (R&R) cover page as the authorizing representative, select “SRO/BO/AO (Sponsored Research Officer/Business Officer/Administrative Officer).” If your name appears in block 14 of the SF424 R&R cover page as the PI, select “Principal Investigator (PI).” If your name appears in block 5 of the SF424 R&R as the point of contact, select “Other (POC).”
4. Click the “Save and Continue” button. You will be taken to your “My Proposals” page. The Grants.gov proposal will now appear in your list of proposals. Click the “Actions/Views” link in the options column next to this proposal to obtain a dropdown list. Select “Proposal” from the dropdown to see the proposal. Note that the steps above will work only for proposals submitted to the DOE Office of Science since May 2012.

If you do not already have a PAMS account, follow these instructions:

1. To register, click the “Create New PAMS Account” link on the website <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>.
2. Click the “No, I have never had an account” link and then the “Create Account” button.
3. You will be prompted to enter your name and email address, create a username and password, and select a security question and answer. Once you have done this, click the “Save and Continue” button.
4. On the next page, enter the required information (at least one phone number and your mailing address) and any optional information you wish to provide (e.g., FAX number, website, mailstop code, additional email addresses or phone numbers, Division/Department). Click the “Create Account” button.
5. Read the user agreement and click the “Accept” button to indicate that you understand your responsibilities and agree to comply with the rules of behavior for PAMS.
6. You will be taken to the Register to Institution page. Select the link labeled, “Option 1: My institution has submitted a proposal in Grants.gov. I am here to register as an SRO, PI, or POC (Sponsored Research Officer, Principal Investigator, or Point of Contact).”
7. Enter the following information:
 - Proposal ID: Enter the ten-digit PAMS proposal ID, including the leading zeros (e.g., 00002xxxxx). Do not use the Grants.gov proposal number. Use the PAMS number previously sent to you in the email with subject line, “Receipt of Proposal ...”.
 - Email (as entered in Grants.gov proposal): Enter your email address as it appears on the SF424(R&R) Cover Page.

- Choose Role: Select the radio button in front of the role corresponding to the SF-424 (R&R) cover page. If your name appears in block 19 of the SF-424 (R&R) cover page as the authorizing representative, select “SRO/BO/AO (Sponsored Research Officer/Business Officer/Administrative Officer).” If your name appears in block 14 of the SF424 R&R cover page as the PI, select “Principal Investigator (PI).” If your name appears in block 5 of the SF424 R&R as the point of contact, select “Other (POC).”
8. Click the “Save and Continue” button. You will be taken to your “My Proposals” page. The Grants.gov proposal will now appear in your list of proposals. Click the “Actions/Views” link in the options column next to this proposal to obtain a dropdown list. Select “Proposal” from the dropdown to see the proposal.

If you were listed as the PI on a prior submission but you have not previously created an account, you may already be listed in PAMS. If this is the case, you will be taken to the PAMS home page after agreeing to the Rules of Behavior. If that happens, follow the instructions listed above under “If you already have a PAMS account...” to access your Grants.gov proposal.

The steps above will work only for proposals submitted to the DOE Office of Science since May 2012.

For help with PAMS, click the “External User Guide” link on the PAMS website, <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>. You may also contact the PAMS Help Desk, which can be reached Monday through Friday, 9 AM – 5:30 PM Eastern Time. Telephone: (855) 818-1846 (toll free) or (301) 903-9610, Email: sc.pams-helpdesk@science.doe.gov. All submissions and inquiries about this Funding Opportunity Announcement should reference **DE-FOA-0000918**.

Section V - APPLICATION REVIEW INFORMATION

A. CRITERIA

1. Initial Review Criteria

Prior to a comprehensive merit evaluation, DOE will perform an initial review in accordance with 10 CFR 605.10(b) to determine that (1) the applicant is eligible for the award; (2) the information required by the FOA has been submitted; (3) all mandatory requirements are satisfied; (4) the proposed project is responsive to the objectives of the funding opportunity announcement, and (5) the proposed project is not duplicative of programmatic work. Applications that fail to pass the initial review will not be forwarded for merit review and will be eliminated from further consideration.

2. Merit Review Criteria

Applications will be subjected to scientific merit review (peer review) and will be evaluated against the following criteria, listed in descending order of importance as found in 10 CFR 605.10 (d), the Office of Science Financial Assistance Program Rule.

- Scientific and/or Technical Merit of the Project;
- Appropriateness of the Proposed Method or Approach;
- Competency of Applicant's Personnel and Adequacy of Proposed Resources; and
- Reasonableness and Appropriateness of the Proposed Budget.

The evaluation process will include program policy factors such as the relevance of the proposed research to the terms of the FOA and the agency's programmatic needs. Note that external peer reviewers are selected with regard to both their scientific expertise and the absence of conflict-of-interest issues. Both Federal and non-Federal reviewers may be used, and submission of an application constitutes agreement that this is acceptable to the investigator(s) and the submitting institution.

The questions below are provided to the merit reviewers to elaborate the criteria established by regulation:

SCIENTIFIC AND/OR TECHNICAL MERIT OF THE PROPOSED RESEARCH

- To what extent does the proposed research develop a strong mathematical or statistical foundation for data-centric science?
- To what extent does the proposed methods and algorithms have the potential to provide a new and/or significant capability for enabling DOE data-centric science over the next decade?
- What are the significant or compelling DOE science drivers motivating the proposed research?
- In the long-term, how will the proposed research impact DOE applications?

APPROPRIATENESS OF THE PROPOSED METHOD OR APPROACH

- To what extent does the proposed research discuss and/or demonstrate applicability to real-world DOE-relevant data and/or simulated data based on high fidelity models?
- To what extent does the proposed research discuss algorithmic scalability, scalability with regards to the amount of data produced by experiment, observation and/or simulation, and parallel scalability on future computing architectures?
- What are the potential merits and limitations of the proposed methodology given the anticipated characteristics and challenges of future computing systems and/or future DOE science facilities?
- To what extent does the application identify significant potential problems and consider alternative strategies? How will progress be measured?

COMPETENCY OF APPLICANT'S PERSONNEL AND ADEQUACY OF PROPOSED RESOURCES

- To what extent does the project team have the requisite background and level of expertise to accomplish the proposed research?
- To what extent are the technical responsibilities of senior or key personnel clearly and adequately described?
- How well organized is the timeline for major research goals and objectives?

REASONABLENESS AND APPROPRIATENESS OF THE PROPOSED BUDGET

- To what extent are the personnel staffing levels adequate to carry out the proposed research?
- To what extent is the travel budget appropriate and reasonable?

B. REVIEW AND SELECTION PROCESS

1. Merit Review

Applications that pass the initial review will be subjected to a formal merit review and will be evaluated based on the criteria codified at 10 CFR 605.10(d) in accordance with the guidance provided in the "Office of Science Merit Review System for Financial Assistance," which is available at: <http://www.sc.doe.gov/grants/merit.asp>.

2. Selection

The Selection Officials will consider merit review recommendations as well as program policy factors, such as ensuring a programmatically appropriate balance within the program areas, and quality of previous performance. Selection of applications for award will be based upon the findings of the technical evaluations, the importance and relevance of the proposed research to the SC mission, and funding availability.

3. Discussions and Award

The Government may enter into discussions with a selected applicant for any reason deemed necessary, including but not limited to: (1) the budget is not appropriate or reasonable for the requirement; (2) only a portion of the application is selected for award; (3) the Government needs additional information to determine that the recipient is capable of complying with the requirements in 10 CFR 600 and 10 CFR 605; and/or (4) special terms and conditions are required. Failure to resolve satisfactorily the issues identified by the Government will preclude award to the applicant.

C. ANTICIPATED NOTICE OF SELECTION AND AWARD DATES

It is anticipated that the award selection will be completed by August 30, 2013. It is expected that awards will be made in Fiscal Year 2014.

DOE is interested in seeing projects supported under this Announcement begin work by January 15, 2014.

Section VI - AWARD ADMINISTRATION INFORMATION

A. AWARD NOTICES

1. Notice of Selection

Selected Applicants Notification: DOE will notify applicants selected for award. This notice of selection is not an authorization to begin performance. (See Part IV.G with respect to the allowability of pre-award costs.)

Non-selected Notification: Organizations whose applications have not been selected will be advised as promptly as possible. This notice will explain why the application was not selected.

2. Notice of Award

An Assistance Agreement issued by the contracting officer is the authorizing award document. It normally includes either as an attachment or by reference: (1) Special Terms and Conditions; (2) Applicable program regulations, if any; (3) Application as approved by DOE; (4) DOE assistance regulations at 10 CFR 600, or, for Federal Demonstration Partnership (FDP) institutions, the FDP terms and conditions; (5) National Policy Assurances To Be Incorporated As Award Terms; (6) Budget Summary; and (7) Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist, which identifies the reporting requirements.

B. ADMINISTRATIVE AND NATIONAL POLICY REQUIREMENTS

1. Administrative Requirements

The administrative requirements for DOE grants and cooperative agreements are contained in 10 CFR 600 and 10 CFR 605. Grants and cooperative agreements made to universities, non-profits and other entities subject to 2 CFR 215 are subject to the Research Terms and Conditions located on the National Science Foundation web site at <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rtc/index.jsp>.

DUNS AND CCR REQUIREMENTS

Additional administrative requirements for DOE grants and cooperative agreements are contained in 2 CFR 25 (See: <http://www.ecfr.gov>). Prime awardees must keep their data at the System for Award Management (SAM) current at <http://www.sam.gov>. SAM is the government-wide system that replaced the Central Contractor Registry (CCR). If you had an active registration in the CCR, you have an active registration in SAM. Subawardees at all tiers must obtain DUNS numbers and provide the DUNS to the prime awardee before the subaward can be issued.

SUBAWARD AND EXECUTIVE REPORTING

Additional administrative requirements necessary for DOE grants and cooperative agreements to comply with the Federal Funding and Transparency Act of 2006 (FFATA) are contained in 2 CFR 170. (See: <http://www.ecfr.gov>). Prime awardees must register with the new FSRS database and report the required data on their first tier subawardees. Prime awardees must report the executive compensation for their own executives as part of their registration profile in the System for Award Management (SAM).

PROHIBITION ON LOBBYING ACTIVITY

By accepting funds under this award, you agree that none of the funds obligated on the award shall be expended, directly or indirectly, to influence congressional action on any legislation or appropriation matters pending before Congress, other than to communicate to Members of Congress as described in 18 USC 1913. This restriction is in addition to those prescribed elsewhere in statute and regulation.

2. Terms and Conditions

The DOE Special Terms and Conditions for Use in Most Grants and Cooperative Agreements are located at <http://energy.gov/management/office-management/operational-management/financial-assistance/financial-assistance-forms> under Award Terms.

The standard DOE financial assistance intellectual property provisions applicable to various types of recipients are located at:
<http://energy.gov/gc/standard-intellectual-property-ip-provisions-financial-assistance-awards>

3. National Policy Assurances

The National Policy Assurances To Be Incorporated As Award Terms are located at <http://www.nsf.gov/bfa/dias/policy/rtc/appc.pdf> and at <http://energy.gov/management/office-management/operational-management/financial-assistance/financial-assistance-forms> under Award Terms.

4. Statement of Substantial Involvement

N/A

C. REPORTING

Reporting requirements are identified on the Federal Assistance Reporting Checklist, DOE F 4600.2, attached to the award agreement. The checklist is available at <http://energy.gov/management/office-management/operational-management/financial-assistance/financial-assistance-forms> under Award Forms.

Section VII - QUESTIONS/AGENCY CONTACTS

A. QUESTIONS

Questions relating to the grants.gov registration process, system requirements, how an application form works, or the submittal process must be directed to Grants.gov at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov. DOE cannot answer these questions.

Please only contact the grants.gov help desk for questions related to grants.gov.

For help with PAMS, click the “External User Guide” link on the PAMS website, <https://pamspublic.science.energy.gov/>. You may also contact the PAMS Help Desk, which can be reached Monday through Friday, 9AM – 5:30 PM Eastern Time. Telephone: (855) 818-1846 (toll free) or (301) 903-9610, Email: sc.pams-helpdesk@science.doe.gov. All submissions and inquiries about this Funding Opportunity Announcement should reference **DE-FOA-0000918**.

Please contact the PAMS help desk for technological issues with the PAMS system.

Questions regarding the specific program areas and technical requirements may be directed to the technical contacts listed for each program within the FOA or below.

Please contact the program staff with all questions not directly related to the grants.gov or PAMS systems.

B. AGENCY CONTACTS

Grants.gov Customer Support	800-518-4726 (toll-free) support@grants.gov
PAMS Customer Support	855-818-1846 (toll-free) 301-903-9610 sc.pams-helpdesk@science.doe.gov
Program Manager Scientific Contact	Alexandra (Sandy) Landsberg, 301-903-8507, Sandy.Landsberg@science.doe.gov

Section VIII - OTHER INFORMATION

A. MODIFICATIONS

Notices of any modifications to this FOA will be posted on Grants.gov and the FedConnect portal. You can receive an email when a modification or an FOA message is posted by registering with FedConnect as an interested party for this FOA. It is recommended that you register as soon after release of the FOA as possible to ensure you receive timely notice of any modifications or other FOAs. More information is available at <http://www.fedconnect.net>.

B. GOVERNMENT RIGHT TO REJECT OR NEGOTIATE

DOE reserves the right, without qualification, to reject any or all applications received in response to this FOA and to select any application, in whole or in part, as a basis for negotiation and/or award.

C. COMMITMENT OF PUBLIC FUNDS

The Contracting Officer is the only individual who can make awards or commit the Government to the expenditure of public funds. A commitment by other than the Contracting Officer, either explicit or implied, is invalid.

D. PROPRIETARY APPLICATION INFORMATION

Patentable ideas, trade secrets, proprietary or confidential commercial or financial information, disclosure of which may harm the applicant, should be included in an application only when such information is necessary to convey an understanding of the proposed project. The use and disclosure of such data may be restricted, provided the applicant includes the following legend on the first page of the project narrative and specifies the pages of the application which are to be restricted:

“The data contained in pages _____ of this application have been submitted in confidence and contain trade secrets or proprietary information, and such data shall be used or disclosed only for evaluation purposes, provided that if this applicant receives an award as a result of or in connection with the submission of this application, DOE shall have the right to use or disclose the data herein to the extent provided in the award. This restriction does not limit the government’s right to use or disclose data obtained without restriction from any source, including the applicant.”

To protect such data, each line or paragraph on the pages containing such data must be specifically identified and marked with a legend similar to the following:

“The following contains proprietary information that (name of applicant) requests not be released to persons outside the Government, except for purposes of review and evaluation.”

E. EVALUATION AND ADMINISTRATION BY NON-FEDERAL PERSONNEL

In conducting the merit review evaluation, the Government may seek the advice of qualified non-Federal personnel as reviewers. The Government may also use non-Federal personnel to conduct routine, nondiscretionary administrative activities. The applicant, by submitting its application, consents to the use of non-Federal reviewers/administrators. Non-Federal reviewers must sign conflict of interest and non-disclosure agreements prior to reviewing an application. Non-Federal personnel conducting administrative activities must sign a non-disclosure agreement.

F. INTELLECTUAL PROPERTY DEVELOPED UNDER THIS PROGRAM

Patent Rights: The government will have certain statutory rights in an invention that is conceived or first actually reduced to practice under a DOE award. 42 USC 5908 provides that title to such inventions vests in the United States, except where 35 USC 202 provides otherwise for nonprofit organizations or small business firms. However, the Secretary of Energy may waive all or any part of the rights of the United States subject to certain conditions. (See “Notice of Right to Request Patent Waiver” in paragraph G below.)

Rights in Technical Data: Normally, the government has unlimited rights in technical data created under a DOE agreement. Delivery or third party licensing of proprietary software or data developed solely at private expense will not normally be required except as specifically negotiated in a particular agreement to satisfy DOE’s own needs or to insure the commercialization of technology developed under a DOE agreement.

G. NOTICE OF RIGHT TO REQUEST PATENT WAIVER

Applicants may request a waiver of all or any part of the rights of the United States in inventions conceived or first actually reduced to practice in performance of an agreement as a result of this FOA, in advance of or within 30 days after the effective date of the award. Even if such advance waiver is not requested or the request is denied, the recipient will have a continuing right under the award to request a waiver of the rights of the United States in identified inventions, i.e., individual inventions conceived or first actually reduced to practice in performance of the award. Any patent waiver that may be granted is subject to certain terms and conditions in 10 CFR 784, <http://www.gc.doe.gov/documents/patwaivclau.pdf>.

Domestic small businesses and domestic nonprofit organizations will receive the patent rights clause at 37 CFR 401.14, i.e., the implementation of the Bayh-Dole Act. This clause permits domestic small business and domestic nonprofit organizations to retain title to subject inventions. Therefore, small businesses and nonprofit organizations do not need to request a waiver.

H. NOTICE REGARDING ELIGIBLE/INELIGIBLE ACTIVITIES

Eligible activities under this program include those which describe and promote the understanding of scientific and technical aspects of specific energy technologies, but not those which encourage or support political activities such as the collection and dissemination of information related to potential, planned or pending legislation.

I. AVAILABILITY OF FUNDS

Funds are not presently available for this award. The Government's obligation under this award is contingent upon the availability of appropriated funds from which payment for award purposes can be made. No legal liability on the part of the Government for any payment may arise until funds are made available to the Contracting Officer for this award and until the awardee receives notice of such availability, to be confirmed in writing by the Contracting Officer.

Section IX - APPENDICES/REFERENCE MATERIAL

Glossary of Useful Grants and Cooperative Agreement terms

acquisition cost	The cost of an asset, including the cost to put it in place. When used with equipment (capital expenditure), the term means the net invoice price of property or supplies including cost of modifications, attachments, accessories, or auxiliary apparatus necessary to make the property usable for the purpose for which it was acquired. Other charges, such as the cost of installation, transportation, taxes, duty, or protective in-transit insurance, are included or excluded from the unit acquisition cost in accordance with the recipient's regular accounting practices. It does not include costs for rental of property or alteration and rental of real property.
administrative requirements	The general business management practices that are common to the administration of all grants, such as financial accountability, reporting, equipment management, and retention of records.
allocation	The process of assigning costs to one or more cost objectives, in reasonable and realistic proportion to the benefit provided or other equitable relationship.
allocability	The principle which requires that an expense or service charged must directly benefit and be necessary for the performance of the project; when multiple projects are benefited reasonable proportions must be able to be assigned.
allowable cost	A cost incurred by a recipient that is: (1) reasonable for the performance of the award; (2) allocable; (3) in conformance with any limitations or exclusions set forth in the Federal cost principles applicable to the organization incurring the cost or in the Notice of Financial Assistance Agreement Award as to the type or amount of cost; (4) consistent with regulations, policies, and procedures of the recipient that are applied uniformly to both federally supported and other activities of the organization; (5) accorded consistent treatment as a direct or indirect cost; (6) determined in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles; and (7) not included as a cost in any other federally supported award (unless specifically authorized by statute).
application	A request for financial support of a project or activity submitted to DOE on specified forms and in accordance with DOE instructions. Also known as a proposal
Appropriation Act	The statute that provides the authority for Federal agencies to incur obligations to and make payments out of the U.S. treasury for specified purposes.
approved budget	The financial expenditure plan for the grant-supported project or activity, including revisions approved by DOE and permissible revisions made by the grantee. The approved budget consists of Federal (grant) funds and, if required by the terms and conditions of the award, non-Federal participation in the form of matching or cost sharing. The approved budget specified in the Notice of Financial Assistance Agreement may be shown in detailed budget categories or as total costs without a categorical breakout. Expenditures charged to an approved budget that consists of both Federal and non-Federal shares are deemed to be borne by the grantee in the same proportion as the percentage of Federal/non-Federal participation in the overall budget.
assurance	A certification by an applicant, normally included with the application or State plan, indicating that the entity is in compliance with, or that it will abide by, a particular requirement if awarded a Federal grant.
authorized	The individual, named by the applicant organization, who is authorized to act for the

organizational representative	applicant and to assume the obligations imposed by the Federal laws, regulations, requirements, and conditions that apply to grant applications or grant awards.
award	The provision of funds by DOE, based on an approved application and budget or progress report, to an organizational entity or an individual to carry out a project or activity.
Bayh-Dole Act	Law which encourages universities and researchers to develop their inventions into marketable products; formal citation is Section 6 of the Patent and Trademark Amendment of 1980, Pub. L 96-517
budget	An estimate of expenditures to be incurred in the performance of a proposed statement of work, or the financial plan or cost assessment for the grant proposal or contract. The budget represents costs associated with project implementation.
budget period	The intervals of time (usually 12 months each) into which a project period is divided for budgetary and funding purposes.
business officer	The financial official of the grantee who has primary fiscal responsibility for the grant. Also known as authorized organizational representative.
carryover	Unobligated Federal funds remaining at the end of any budget period that, with the approval of the Contracting Officer or under an automatic authority, may be carried forward to another budget period to cover allowable costs of that budget period (whether as an offset or additional authorization). Obligated, but unliquidated, funds are not considered carryover.
change in scope	An activity whereby the objectives or specific aims identified in the approved grant application are significantly changed by the grantee after award. Contracting Officer prior approval is required for a change in scope to be allowable under an award.
closeout	The process by which a Federal awarding agency determines that all applicable administrative actions and all required work under an award have been completed by the grantee and the Federal awarding agency.
competitive segment	The initial project period recommended for support (up to 5 years) or each extension of a project period resulting from a renewal award.
conference (domestic or international)	A symposium, seminar, workshop, or any other organized and formal meeting, whether conducted face-to-face or via the Internet, where individuals assemble (or meet virtually) to exchange information and views or explore or clarify a defined subject, problem, or area of knowledge, whether or not a published report results from such meeting.
consortium or subaward agreement	A formalized agreement whereby a research project is carried out by the grantee and one or more other organizations that are separate legal entities. Under the agreement, the grantee must perform a substantive role in the conduct of the planned research and not merely serve as a conduit of funds to another party or parties. These agreements typically involve a specific level of effort from the consortium organization's PD/PI and a categorical breakdown of costs, such as personnel, supplies, and other allowable expenses, including F&A costs. The relationship between the recipient and the collaborating organizations is considered a subaward relationship.
consultant	An individual who provides professional advice or services for a fee, but normally not as an employee of the engaging party. In unusual situations, an individual may be both a consultant and an employee of the same party, receiving compensation for some services as a consultant and for other work as a salaried employee. To prevent apparent

or actual conflicts of interest, grantees and consultants must establish written guidelines indicating the conditions of payment of consulting fees. Consultants also include firms that provide professional advice or services.

continuation application/award

A financial assistance request (in the form of an application or progress report) or resulting award for a subsequent budget period within a previously approved project period for which a recipient does not have to compete with other applicants.

contract

An award instrument used to acquire from a non-federal party, by purchase, lease, or barter, property or services for the direct benefit or use of the Federal government. The same term may be used to describe a vendor relationship between a recipient and another party under a grant (to acquire routine goods and services); however, the recipient may use subaward to describe the contract under a grant relationship.

Contract (or Grants Management) Officer

A DOE official responsible for the business management aspects of grants and cooperative agreements, including review, negotiation, award, and administration, and for the interpretation of grants administration policies and provisions. COs and GMOs are delegated the authority to obligate DOE to the expenditure of funds and permit changes to approved projects on behalf of DOE.

Contract (or Grants Management) Specialist

A DOE staff member who works with a contract or grants management officer and is assigned the day-to-day management of a portfolio of grants and/or cooperative agreements. These activities include, but are not limited to, evaluating grant applications for administrative content and compliance with statutes, regulations, and guidelines; negotiating grants; providing consultation and technical assistance to grantees; and administering grants after award.

cooperative agreement

A type of financial assistance used when there will be substantial Federal scientific or programmatic involvement. Substantial involvement means that, after award, scientific or program staff will assist, guide, coordinate, or participate in project activities.

cost principles

The government-wide principles, issued by OMB (or, in the case of commercial organizations, the Federal Acquisition Regulation [48 CFR 21], or, in the case of hospitals, 45 CFR 74, Appendix E, "Principles For Determining Costs Applicable to Research and Development Under Grants and Contracts with Hospitals"), on allowability and unallowability of costs under federally sponsored agreements.

cost sharing

The portion of the costs of a project or program not borne by the sponsor; these could be grantee contributions or third-party in-kind contributions; costs used to satisfy cost sharing requirements are subject to the same policies governing allowability as other costs of the project. Research grants are generally not subject to cost sharing requirements. Also known as matching.

deadline

The published date and/or time that a grant application is to be either postmarked/mailed or electronically submitted to the funding agency.

debarment and suspension

The actions taken by a debarment official in accordance with OMB guidance at 2 CFR 180, "Non-procurement Debarment and Suspension," to exclude a person or organization from participating in grants and other non-procurement awards government-wide. If debarred or suspended, the person or organization may not receive financial assistance (under a grant, cooperative agreement, or subaward, or contract under a grant) for a specified period of time. Debarments and suspensions carried out pursuant to 2 CFR 376 are distinct from post-award suspension action by an awarding agency.

direct costs

Costs that can be identified specifically with a particular sponsored project, an instructional activity, or any other institutional activity, or that can be directly assigned

to such activities relatively easily with a high degree of accuracy.

disallowance	A charge to a grant that the Federal awarding agency determines to be unallowable in accordance with the applicable Federal cost principles or other terms and conditions contained in the award.
domestic organization	A public (including a State or other governmental agency) or private non-profit or for-profit organization that is located in the United States or its territories, is subject to U.S. laws, and assumes legal and financial accountability for awarded funds and for the performance of the grant-supported activities.
DUNS number	A nine-digit number established and assigned by Dun and Bradstreet to uniquely identify a business entity.
effort	The amount of time, usually expressed as a percentage of the total, which a faculty member or other employee spends on a sponsored project. No one is allowed to spend more than 100% total commitment on all academic activities, including grant-sponsored research, university-sponsored research, teaching, administration, advising and other contracted duties. Effort is indicated on the budget in units of person-months.
equipment	An article of tangible nonexpendable personal property that has a useful life of more than 1 year and an acquisition cost per unit that equals or exceeds \$5,000 or the capitalization threshold established by the organization, whichever is less.
expanded authorities	Authorization to grantees under certain research grant mechanisms which waives the requirement for prior agency approval for specified actions related to awards. Example: 90-day preaward spending authority, no cost extensions for up to one additional year, and automatic carryover of unobligated funds from one budget period to the next. The expanded authorities are now contained in the standard terms and conditions for most research grants.
expiration date	Generally, the date signifying the end of the current project period, after which the grantee is not authorized to obligate grant funds.
facilities and administrative costs	Costs that are incurred by a grantee for common or joint objectives and that, therefore, cannot be identified specifically with a particular project or program. These costs also are known as indirect costs.
Federal Financial Report	Submitted on Standard Form (SF) 425, to indicate the status of awarded funds for the period covered. Frequency of reporting is specified in the Reporting Checklist provided as part of the Notice of Financial Assistance Agreement. Replaces the SF-269 Financial Status Report (FSR)
financial assistance	Transfer by DOE of money or property to an eligible entity to support or stimulate a public purpose authorized by statute.
Financial Status Report	See Federal Financial Report.
foreign travel	Foreign travel includes travel outside of the United States and its territories and possessions (Guam, American Samoa, Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands, and the Canal Zone) and Canada. A trip is considered foreign travel for all legs of the itinerary if the traveler does not return to his or her post prior to departure for a foreign destination. Costs for foreign travel may be restricted by the language of a Funding Opportunity Announcement.
funding opportunity announcement	A publicly available document by which a Federal Agency makes known its intentions to award discretionary grants or cooperative agreements, usually as a result of

competition for funds. Funding opportunity announcements may be known as program announcements, requests for applications, notices of funding availability, solicitations, or other names depending on the Agency and type of program. Funding opportunity announcements can be found at [Grants.gov/FIND](http://www.grants.gov/FIND). An FOA may also be known as a solicitation.

grant	A financial assistance mechanism providing money, property, or both to an eligible entity to carry out an approved project or activity. A grant is used whenever DOE anticipates no substantial programmatic involvement with the recipient during performance of the financially assisted activities.
grant-supported project or activity	Those activities specified or described in a grant application or in a subsequent submission that are approved by DOE for funding, regardless of whether Federal funding constitutes all or only a portion of the financial support necessary to carry them out.
grantee	The organization or individual awarded a grant or cooperative agreement by DOE that is responsible and accountable for the use of the funds provided and for the performance of the grant-supported project or activity. The grantee is the entire legal entity even if a particular component is designated in Notice of Financial Assistance Agreement. The grantee is legally responsible and accountable to DOE for the performance and financial aspects of the grant-supported project or activity. Also known as awardee or recipient.
Grants.gov	Grants.gov (http://www.grants.gov/) has been designated by the Office of Management and Budget as the single access point for all grant programs offered by 26 Federal grant-making agencies. It provides a single interface for agencies to announce their grant opportunities and for all applicants to find and apply for those opportunities.
indirect costs	See facilities and administrative costs definition.
institutional base salary	The annual compensation paid by an organization for an employee's appointment, whether that individual's time is spent on research, teaching, patient care, or other activities. Base salary excludes any income that an individual may be permitted to earn outside of duties for the applicant/grantee organization. Base salary may not be increased as a result of replacing organizational salary funds with grant funds.
matching or cost sharing	The value of third-party in-kind contributions and the portion of the costs of a federally assisted project or program not borne by the Federal government. Matching or cost sharing may be required by statute or program regulation. Costs used to satisfy matching or cost-sharing requirements are subject to the same policies governing allowability as other costs under the approved budget.
merit (or peer) review	The process that involves the consistent application of standards and procedures that produce fair, equitable, and objective examinations of applications based on an evaluation of scientific or technical merit or other relevant aspects of the application. The review is performed by experts (reviewers) in the field of endeavor for which support is requested. Merit review is intended to provide guidance and to the DOE individuals responsible for making award decisions.
monitoring	A process whereby the programmatic and business management performance aspects of a grant are assessed by reviewing information gathered from various required reports, audits, site visits, and other sources.
no-cost extension	An extension of time to a project period and/or budget period to complete the work of the grant under that period, without additional Federal funds or competition.
non-Federal share	When cost sharing or matching is required as a condition of an award, the portion of

	allowable project/program costs not borne by the Federal government.
Notice of Financial Assistance Award	<p>The official, legally binding document, signed (or the electronic equivalent of signature) by a Contracting Officer that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> notifies the recipient of the award of a grant; contains or references all the terms and conditions of the grant and Federal funding limits and obligations; and, provides the documentary basis for recording the obligation of Federal funds in the DOE accounting system. <p>Also commonly referred to as an Assistance Agreement.</p>
obligations	The amounts for which the recipient has made binding commitments for orders placed for property and services, contracts and subawards, and similar transactions during a funding period that will require payment during the same or a future period.
OMB Circulars	<p>Government-wide guidance issued to Heads of Federal agencies by the Director of OMB. OMB Circulars directly pertinent to grants include the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • cost principles (OMB Circular A-21, OMB Circular A-87, and OMB Circular A-122); • uniform administrative requirements (OMB Circular A-102 and OMB Circular A-110); • audit requirements for non-profit organizations (OMB Circular A-133). <p>Some (but not all) of these OMB Circulars have been reissued in Title 2 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p> <p>DOE administrative regulations are located in Title 10 of the Code of Federal Regulations.</p>
Other Significant Contributors	Individuals who have committed to contribute to the scientific development or execution of the project, but are not committing any specified measurable effort (i.e., person months) to the project. These individuals are typically presented at “effort of zero person months” or “as needed.” Individuals with measurable effort may not be listed as Other Significant Contributors (OSCs). Consultants should be included if they meet this definition.
participant	Program participants are the recipients of service or training provided at a workshop, conference, seminar, symposium or other short-term instructional or information-sharing activity funded by an external grant or award, or the training beneficiaries of the project or program funded by an external grant or award. A participant is not involved in providing any deliverable to the grantee or a third party or would not be terminated or replaced for failure to perform.
participant costs	Costs used to pay program participants small stipends and reimbursement of travel costs or other out-of-pocket costs incurred to support attendance at a workshop, conference, seminar, symposium, or other short-term training or information-sharing activity.
person months	The metric for expressing the effort (amount of time) PD/PI(s), faculty and other senior/key personnel devote to a specific project. The effort is based on the type of appointment of the individual with the organization; e.g., calendar year, academic year, and/or summer term; and the organization’s definition of such. For instance, some institutions define the academic year as a 9-month appointment while others define it as a 10-month appointment.
pre-application or pre-	A brief outline or narrative of proposed work and sometimes budget, for informal

proposal	<p>review by a sponsor to determine whether a full proposal should be submitted. Three predominant reasons for requiring submission of a preliminary proposal are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Reduce the proposers' unnecessary effort in proposal preparation when the chance of success is very small. This is particularly true of exploratory initiatives where the community senses that a major new direction is being identified, or competitions that will result in a small number of actual awards. • Increase the overall quality of the full submission. • Distill the number of applications that will be submitted to the agency and the number of anticipated reviewers needed to review.
pre-award costs	<p>Any cost incurred prior to the beginning date of the project period or the initial budget period of a competitive segment (under a multi-year award), in anticipation of the award and at the applicant's own risk, for otherwise allowable costs.</p>
prior approval	<p>Written approval from the designated Contracting Officer required for specified post-award changes in the approved project or budget. Such approval must be obtained before undertaking the proposed activity or spending DOE funds</p>
Program Director/ Principal Investigator	<p>The individual(s) designated by the applicant organization to have the appropriate level of authority and responsibility to direct the project or program to be supported by the award. The applicant organization may designate multiple individuals as program directors/principal investigators (PD/Pis) who share the authority and responsibility for leading and directing the project, intellectually and logistically. When multiple PD/Pis are named, each is responsible and accountable to the applicant organization, or as appropriate, to a collaborating organization for the proper conduct of the project or program including the submission of all required reports. The presence of more than one PD/PI on an application or award diminishes neither the responsibility nor the accountability of any individual PD/PI.</p>
program income	<p>Program income is gross income earned by a research grant recipient from the activities, part or all of which are borne as a direct cost by the grant. Examples are fees for services performed under the grant, rental or usage fees charged for use of equipment purchased with grant funds, third party patient reimbursements for hospital or medical services paid from the grant, funds generated by the sale of commodities, such as cell lines or research animals developed from or paid for from the grant, and patent or copyright royalties.</p>
Program Manager	<p>The DOE official responsible for the programmatic, scientific, and/or technical aspects of a grant. The same role is filled by Program Directors, Program Officers, or Project Directors at other Federal agencies.</p>
progress report	<p>Periodic, frequently annual, report submitted by the grantee and used by DOE to assess progress and to determine whether to provide funding for the budget period subsequent to that covered by the report.</p>
project/performance site	<p>Location(s) of where the work described in the research plan will be conducted.</p>
project period	<p>The total time for which Federal support of a project has been programmatically approved as shown in the Notice of Financial Assistance Agreement; however, it does not constitute a commitment by the Federal government to fund the entire period. The total project period comprises the initial competitive segment, any subsequent competitive segments resulting from a renewal award(s), and extensions.</p>
proposal	<p>See application.</p>

re-budgeting	Reallocation of funds available for spending between budget categories to allow best use of funds to accomplish the project goals.
recipient	The organizational entity or individual receiving a grant or cooperative agreement.
renewal application	An application requesting additional funding for a period subsequent to that provided by a current award. Renewal applications compete for funds with all other peer reviewed applications and must be developed as fully as though the applicant is applying for the first time.
research	A systematic, intensive study intended to increase knowledge or understanding of the subject studied, a systematic study specifically directed toward applying new knowledge to meet a recognized need, or a systematic application of knowledge to the production of useful materials, devices, and systems or methods, including design, development, and improvement of prototypes and new processes to meet specific requirements. Also termed “research and development.”
research misconduct	Fabrication, falsification, plagiarism, or other practices that seriously deviate from those that are commonly accepted within the scientific community in proposing, performing, or reporting research, or in reporting research results; does not include honest error or honest differences in interpretations or judgments of data.
scope of work	The aims, objectives, and purposes of a grant; as well as the methodology, approach, analyses or other activities; and the tools, technologies, and timeframes needed to meet the grant’s objectives. This includes the research or training plan included with the original grant application, along with any approved modifications.
Senior/Key Personnel	The PD/PI and other individuals who contribute to the scientific development or execution of a project in a substantive, measurable way, whether or not they receive salaries or compensation under the grant. Typically these individuals have doctoral or other professional degrees, although individuals at the masters or baccalaureate level may be considered senior/key personnel if their involvement meets this definition. Consultants and those with a postdoctoral role also may be considered senior/key personnel if they meet this definition. “Zero percent” effort or “as needed” is not an acceptable level of involvement for Senior/Key Personnel.
significant rebudgeting	A threshold that is reached when expenditures in a single direct cost budget category deviate (increase or decrease) from the categorical commitment level established for the budget period by more than 25 percent of the total costs awarded. Significant rebudgeting is one indicator of change in scope.
small business concern	A business that is independently owned and operated and not dominant in its field of operation; has its principal place of business in the United States and is organized for profit; is at least 51 percent owned, or in the case of a publicly owned business, at least 51 percent of its voting stock is owned by U.S. citizens or lawfully admitted permanent resident aliens; has, including its affiliates, not more than 500 employees; and meets other regulatory requirements established by the SBA at 13 CFR 121.
solicitation	See Funding Opportunity Announcement
subaward	A legal instrument by which a recipient provides funds (or property in lieu of funds) to an eligible subrecipient (or a lower-tier transaction) to perform a substantive portion of the grant-supported program or project. The term includes such financial assistance when provided by any legal agreement (even if the agreement is called a contract) but does not include any form of assistance which is excluded from the definition of a grant, including the recipient’s procurement of property or services needed to carry out the

project or program. The term includes consortium agreements.

subrecipient	A party that receives a subaward from a recipient or another subrecipient under a Federal financial assistance award and is accountable to the recipient or subrecipient for the use of the Federal funds provided by the subaward.
supplement	A request for an increase in support during a current budget period for expansion of the project's scope or to meet increased costs unforeseen at the time of the new or renewal application. A supplement may increase support for future years in addition to the current year. Supplements require applications and are subject to administrative and merit review.
terms and conditions of award	All legal requirements imposed on a grant by DOE, whether based on statute, regulation, policy, or other document referenced in the grant award, or specified by the grant award document itself. The Notice of Financial Assistance Agreement may include both standard and special conditions that are considered necessary to attain the grant's objectives, facilitate post-award administration of the grant, conserve grant funds, or otherwise protect the Federal government's interests.
unallowable costs	Specific categories of costs that cannot be charged, directly or indirectly, to federally sponsored agreements in accordance with federal regulations.
unliquidated obligation	For reports prepared on a cash basis, the amount of obligations incurred by the recipient that has not been paid; or For reports prepared on an accrued expenditure basis, the amount of obligations incurred by the recipient for which an outlay has not been recorded.
unobligated balance	The portion of the funds authorized by the Federal agency for expenditure by the recipient that has not been obligated by the recipient.