Doing Business with the Federal Government

NETL Webinar on FE’s Minority Serving Institutions Program

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Steps to Apply for an NETL Grant

- Identify opportunity of interest through Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)
  - Discussed in detail later in presentation
- Meet registration requirements
- Prepare and submit application
The Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

• 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

• 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

• See most recent DE-FOA-0001991
  - FUNDING IS CLOSED; FOR EXAMPLE USE ONLY
  - http://www.fedconnect.net/fedconnect/?doc=DE-FOA-0001991&agency=DOE
Registration/Submission Requirements

- Obtain a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number (dnb.com/duns-number.html)
- Register with the System for Award Management (SAM) (sam.gov/SAM)
- Register with grants.gov
- Register with fedconnect.net
Registration Requirements: Grants.gov

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  - **There are 3 steps to this process:**
    1. The **Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR)** must register
    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 Grants.gov

- **Grants.gov** is where you will submit your application package
Registration Requirements: Fedconnect.net

- Applicants must register with FedConnect (fedconnect.net) to submit questions
- View and download announcement documents or amendments
- Communicate with Federal representatives managing the announcement
- Allow at least 44 days to complete entire registration process
Questions

• Questions related to the registration process, system requirements or how an application form works must be directed to grants.gov; 1-800-518-4726; or support@grants.gov

• Questions related to the content of the announcement must be submitted to the FedConnect portal

• Must be registered with FedConnect to submit questions and view responses
Applicants must download application package, forms and instructions at grants.gov.

Applications must be submitted through FedConnect or grants.gov (this will be indicated in the solicitation document)
- Must register at FedConnect or Grants.gov!
- Update SAM annually

Applications must be submitted through grants.gov by a qualified HBCU/OMI (Minority Serving Institution) authorized representative.
Accessing NETL FOAs in FedConnect

• In an internet browser, enter the FedConnect URL fedconnect.net

• On the Main Page, click on Search Public Opportunities Only
Accessing NETL FOAs in FedConnect (cont.)

- Under **Search Criteria**, select **Issuing Office**, type “**National Energy Technology Lab**”, and click on **Search**.
Accessing NETL FOAs in FedConnect (cont.)

- Click the **hyperlink** under the title to view

FedConnect.

**public opportunities**

This is a list of publicly posted opportunities. To view a particular opportunity, click the hyperlink under the title. For more details on using this page, click Help.

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• Click on the FOA Reference Number under Funding Opportunity to view the FOA instructions

• To view Amendments to the FOA, click on the FOA Reference Number under Amendment 1
Accessing NETL FOAs in FedConnect (cont.)

• **Help** buttons are available on each page to assist you navigate FedConnect

• To submit questions about this FOA or submit an application, Registered Users click on **Sign In**

• Click on **Register Now** to receive notifications and agency alerts, and view the message center
NETL Research Programs use the websites below to post solicitations/funding opportunity announcements, receive proposals/applications, and disseminate other information for competitive awards. **Entities wishing to participate in these solicitations must register at these websites.**

- Fedconnect [https://www.fedconnect.net/](https://www.fedconnect.net/)
- Grants.gov [https://grants.gov/](https://grants.gov/)

**Proposals will only be accepted through FedConnect or Grants.gov** (this will be indicated in the solicitation document). Each website has the ability to send email messages to potential applicants when a new solicitation from NETL is posted.

Additional information can also be found at NETL Business website: [https://netl.doe.gov/business/solicitations](https://netl.doe.gov/business/solicitations)
Questions?

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