For the purpose of informing interested faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity:

**10HQPA0005: Mineral Resources External Research Program**

The U.S. Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, is soliciting research proposals that (1) will improve our assessment for concealed mineral resources in general, (2) will help define limits of layered and sediment-hosted stratiform deposits for the purpose of constructing global grade and tonnage models for these types of deposits, (3) develop advanced models and methods that can be used to reduce uncertainties and risks in probabilistic resource assessments, or (4) will contribute to accurate and comprehensive mineral deposit or mineral environmental models for deposit types, known or expected to be found in the United States.

Applicants are encouraged to contact USGS scientists (listed in the full solicitation) to discuss collaborative research opportunities, and are strongly encouraged to provide documentation from a USGS scientist illustrating how the proposed research will address MRP research needs. Such documentation will be favorably considered in the scoring of research proposals.

For more information about this opportunity (10HQPA0005) please see the full solicitation (attached).

**It is anticipated that $255K will be available to support 5 awards.** Complete award information is found in the full solicitation.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs:** 9/22/2009  
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-2402) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements.

**Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency:** 9/29/2009 4PM ET

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