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

**DE-FOA-0000152: (ARRA) Workforce Training for the Electric Power Sector**

The Richlands Operation Office, U.S. Department of Energy, is soliciting proposals to facilitate the development of a well-trained, highly skilled electric power sector workforce which is vital to implementing a national clean-energy smart grid. This FOA covers two broad topics. Topic A is Developing and Enhancing Workforce Training Programs for the Electric Power Sector. Topic B is Smart Grid Workforce Training. This FOA supports the development and deployment of Training Program(s), as well as the actual training of personnel. However, Federal funds shall NOT be used to support construction of training facilities (e.g. building infrastructure).

DOE seeks applications that will support and greatly expand job creation and career advancement opportunities within the utility industry and the electric power system equipment manufacturing sector. Job categories include technicians and skilled workers, as well as utility energy efficiency program staff, cyber security experts, transmission planners, and system operators.

Applications shall address how they positively impact displaced workers, increase per capita income, build career ladders and training opportunities, expand domestic supply chains for smart grid technologies and services, and/or enhance sustainable economic growth in currently economically depressed regions and communities.

For more information about this opportunity, including the topic areas, please see the full solicitation (attached).

**It is anticipated that $100M will be available to support 25-35 Topic A awards AND 15-20 Topic B awards.** Cost sharing is required. Complete award information is found in the full solicitation.

**Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs:** 11/20/2009
(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:** 11/30/2009 3PM ET

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