For the purpose of informing interested University of Tennessee-Knoxville faculty, please be aware of the following opportunity. Please note that the other recipients of this announcement could be potential collaborators on this opportunity.

DE-FOA-0000228: National Administrator of the Solar Instructor Training Network

The National Energy Technology Laboratory (NETL), U.S. Department of Energy (DOE), is soliciting applications for a National Administrator of the Solar Instructor Training Network. The National Administrator and Regional Resource and Training Providers (RTPs) will address the shortage of qualified personnel in the downstream solar installation workforce and increase the ability of the U.S. solar workforce, educators, and employers to meet the changing needs of the solar industry.

The National Administrator will:

1. Manage the collaboration of the Regional Resource and Training Providers (RTPs), coordinate their joint activities, and, where applicable, assist them in the completion of their project goals;

2. Work with a broad set of stakeholders, define and prioritize issues related to solar training and workforce development (some defined in section below on Issue Areas). Develop and carry out a strategy such as convening, facilitating and coordinating working groups which include the RTPs and other stakeholders to address these issues;

3. Serve as the national point of contact for the solar instructor training network, disseminating the working groups products, and conducting other communication and outreach efforts such as providing recommendations to stakeholders for the acceptance and adoption of best practices.

The Recipient will be responsible for validating the findings of the working groups and integrating validated products and deliverables into the solar instructor training network and into the larger educational, training and workforce development infrastructure.

A Webinar will be held on May 6, 2010, from 10:00 am to 11:00 am (Mountain Time). The purpose of the webinar is to provide clarification and answer questions about the National Administrator of the Solar Instructor Training Network FOA.
For detailed information about this opportunity (DE-FOA-0000228) please see the full solicitation (attached). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see here.

It is anticipated that up to $3 – 4.5M will be available over 5 years to support up to 1 award. Cost sharing is encouraged. Please see the full solicitation for complete award information.

**Deadline for Full Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 6/08/2010**
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

Please contact Sponsored Programs (4-5066) with questions regarding proposal submission requirements.

**Deadline for Proposal Submission to Agency: 6/15/2010**

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