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

**DRL-09-ELECTIONS-081309: Elections, Political Participation and Consensus Building for countries in Africa, the Near East, and South Asia**

The Department of State is soliciting proposals for projects that support elections, promote political participation and consensus building for countries in Africa (Cote d'Ivoire, Central African Republic, Togo, and Uganda), the Near East (Lebanon and Tunisia), and South Asia (Afghanistan).

For more information about [DRL-09-ELECTIONS-081309](#) please see the full solicitation (attached).

It is anticipated that the $4.5M will be available to fund up to 10 awards (the size of each award varies by subject country. Please see the full solicitation for details). Cost sharing is not required. Complete award information is found in the full solicitation.

This is a limited submission opportunity. As an eligible applicant institution the University of Tennessee-Knoxville (including the Institute of Agriculture and the Space Institute) is limited to submitting three proposals. The Office of Research requires that those interested in pursuing this solicitation to submit a notification of interest.

**REQUIRED Submission of Interest to Office of Research: 12:00 PM 8/18/2009**

Please send your notification of interest to limitsub@utk.edu. In your email include:

- The name and contact information for the principal investigator
- Names of all internal co-investigators
- A descriptive name of the research project proposed
- A brief (one paragraph) description of the research project

**Submission Deadline for Pre-Proposal to Office of Research: 12:00 PM 8/26/2009**
(ONLY IF an internal competition is necessary. All who submitted notifications of interest will be contacted in the event that a competition is necessary.)

Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 9/7/2009
(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: 9/14/2009

If you have any questions regarding this announcement please contact:

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