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.

**EPA-C2010-ORD-H1: Research to Improve Risk Communication Strategies During and After the Decontamination/Clearance Phase of an Intentional Biological Release**

The National Homeland Security Research Center, National Center for Environmental Research (NCER), U.S. Environmental Protection Agency, is soliciting applications proposing development of effective risk communication strategies during and after decontamination and clearance activities associated with an intentional biological indoor and outdoor wide area contamination. Risk communication in the aftermath of an intentional biological event needs to adequately address the uncertainties of potential health risks due to exposure to pathogenic microorganisms, and address the perceived fears of the public. Clear identification of risk is impeded by a lack of rapid and accurate exposure assessment tools, as well as a lack of pathogen-host-medium information for health effects (hazard) assessment. Behavioral science research could help address the following:

- how the public's beliefs, opinions, and knowledge about exposure to a biological release affect their behavior;
- how risk perception and other psychological factors affect behavioral responses to the intentional release of a biological agent;
- how to communicate these risks to the public (Gray and Ropeik 2002; Means 2002);
- how customers are prepared to tolerate disruptions in particular services (NRC 2007).

For detailed information about this opportunity ([EPA-C2010-ORD-H1](#)), please see the full solicitation ([here](#)). To find more opportunities from this agency, please see [here](#).

It is estimated that approximately $750K will be available to support 2 awards. Cost sharing is not required. Please see the full solicitation for complete award information.
Deadline for Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: **6/30/2010**
(Please see the solicitation for complete application & submission information.)

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

Deadline for Full Proposal Submission to Agency: **7/8/2010**

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