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

**NSF 07-557: Research Experiences for Teachers (RET) in Engineering Supplements and Sites**

The Directorate for Engineering, National Science Foundation, is soliciting proposals for the Research Experiences for Teachers in Engineering (RET) Program. This program supports the active involvement of K-12 teachers and community college faculty in engineering research in order to bring knowledge of engineering and technological innovation into their classrooms. The goal is to help build long-term collaborative partnerships between K-12 science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) teachers, community college faculty, and the NSF university research community by involving the teachers in engineering research and helping them translate their research experiences and new knowledge of engineering into classroom activities. Partnerships with inner city schools or other high need schools are especially encouraged, as is participation by underrepresented minorities, women, and persons with disabilities.

This announcement features two mechanisms for support of in-service and pre-service K-12 teachers and/or community college faculty: RET supplements to ongoing ENG awards and new RET Site awards. RET supplements may be included in proposals for new or renewed NSF Directorate for Engineering (ENG) grants or as supplements to ongoing NSF ENG funded projects. RET Sites are based on independent proposals from engineering departments, schools or colleges to initiate and conduct research participation projects for a number of K-12 teachers and/or community college faculty.

**This is a limited submission opportunity.** The principal investigator of an ENG RET Site proposal must have a faculty appointment within a College/Department of Engineering or a College/Department of Engineering Technology. Furthermore, as an eligible applicant institution The University of Tennessee (Knoxville, UTSI, and Institute of Agriculture) may only submit two proposals for this opportunity, with the College of Engineering as the lead institution. For your proposal to receive consideration
interested faculty must submit a notification of interest to Jada Huskey jhuskey4@utk.edu as soon as possible. Only those who have e-mailed their intent to propose will be allowed to participate in an internal competition (if necessary). If an internal competition is necessary all who submitted notifications of interest will be contacted and will be provided with information regarding competition requirements.

For more information about this opportunity please see the full solicitation (NSF 07-557).

It is anticipated that $500K will be available to support up to 5 awards. Cost sharing is not required. For complete award information, please see the full solicitation.

**Deadline for Submission of Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs: 11/9/2009**

**Deadline for Submission of Proposal to Agency: 11/16/2009**

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