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.

**ONR-BAA-10-017: Active Transfer Learning (ATL)**

The Office of Naval Research (ONR), U.S. Navy (USN), U.S. Department of Defense, is soliciting white papers and full proposals for the Active Transfer Learning (ATL) program. The overall objective of this program is to conduct basic research that will help enable robust autonomy and automation in dynamic, unconstrained environments and contexts. The two science problems of interest are how a learning machine may leverage all relevant prior knowledge and how it may leverage occasional *in situ* availability of a subject matter expert (SME). This leads naturally to the existing research of Transfer Learning and Active Learning. The intent of this Program is to improve upon these two existing areas of research and combine them to produce a novel, powerful learning capability.

For detailed information on this opportunity please see the full solicitation ([ONR-BAA-10-017](#)). To find additional opportunities from this agency please see [here](#).

**White papers are encouraged prior to the submission of full proposals.** The due date for white papers is **no later than 2:00 PM (ET) on June 28th, 2010**. Each White Paper will be evaluated by the Government to determine whether the proposed technology advancement appears to be of particular value to the Department of the Navy. A Detailed Full Proposal (Technical and Cost proposals) will be subsequently encouraged from those Offerors whose proposed technologies have been identified through the above reference email as being of particular value to the Government. However, any such encouragement does not assure a subsequent award. Full Proposals may also be submitted by any Offeror whose White Paper was not identified as being of particular value to the Government or any Offeror who did not submit a White Paper. However, it is strongly encouraged that those parties with interest in this Program follow the White Paper submission process to receive appropriate feedback before investing significant effort in the development of a Full Proposal.
Please see the full solicitation for complete award information.

**Deadline for White Paper Submission to Agency:** 6/28/2010

The following deadlines apply for submission of full proposal:

**Deadline for Full Proposal to OR-Sponsored Programs:** 8/27/2010

(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:** 9/04/2010

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