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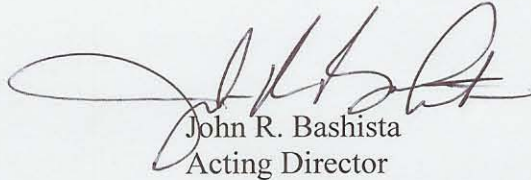
SUBJECT: Organization Conflicts of Interest for Management & Operating Contracts and Conflict of Interest/Non-disclosure Agreements for Merit Reviewers for Activities under the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (ARRA)

SUMMARY: ARRA appropriated nearly \$39 billion to DOE for approximately 150 projects. A substantial portion of the ARRA dollars will be obligated under financial assistance agreements. To select projects to receive ARRA funds, 60 Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) have, or will be, released. DOE will need hundreds of technical evaluators in a wide variety of fields to evaluate the applications under these FOAs. Reviewers must be free of bias and conflicts, for the reviewer personally and for their employer. To ensure that DOE has the highest quality reviewers, new conflict of interest/non-disclosure agreements have been developed. There is one form for reviewers employed at DOE's National Laboratories (Attachment A) and a separate form for other external reviewers (Attachment B).

In addition, management and operating contractors for the National Laboratories must update the organization conflicts of interest certification/disclosure in place under its contract. Attachment C is a draft letter each DOE Contracting Officer responsible for an M&O contract should send to the contractor.

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Attachments