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NRC COMPLETES FY11 EDUCATION GRANT AWARDS

With the issuance this week of \$2.8 million in grants to Minority Serving Institutions (MSI), the NRC has completed the awarding of approximately \$12.4 million in grants to 91 higher education institutions for the 2011 fiscal year.

“This program has introduced thousands of students to the nuclear field and helps to prepare a workforce for the future,” said Bill Borchardt, the NRC’s Executive Director for Operations. “As a safety regulator, encouraging the next generation to learn nuclear issues is an important cornerstone in ensuring the availability of expertise to effectively carry out safety and security mission in coming years.”

The MSI grants were awarded for projects and activities that include nuclear, science, technology and mathematic disciplines, research and development projects, human capital development, leadership and mentoring activities, education training programs and various types of assistance to 26 programs at 53 different institutions. MSIs include the Historically Black Colleges and Universities, Hispanic Serving Institutions and the Tribal Colleges and Universities located in 24 states, Puerto Rico and the District of Columbia.

Previously, an additional \$9.6 million was awarded for faculty (\$5.0M) and curriculum development (\$4.6M) assisting another 44 programs at 38 different institutions, located in 28 states and the District of Columbia. These grants were awarded for nuclear education, curricula and faculty development.

Curriculum development grants programs covered the following disciplines: nuclear engineering, radiochemistry and radiobiology, health physics, materials and mechanical engineering, reliability and risk analysis, electrical engineering, safeguards and security, human factors, human reliability and fire protection engineering.

Grant proposals were reviewed against specific criteria by a panel comprised of NRC staff and qualified outside reviewers. The panel composition was diverse with most reviewers having both experience reviewing proposals for government agencies and advanced credentials in one of the five discipline areas identified in the solicitation. Each panelist had to certify that they did not have any conflicts of interest for the proposals they evaluated.

The contacts for more information on these grants are as follows: administrative questions contact: Sheila Bumpass, 301-492-3484 or Michael Mills 301-492-3621, Division of Contracts; technical questions contact Nancy Hebron-Israel 301-492-2231, or Tanya Parwani-Jaimes, 301-492-2308, Office of Human Resources; and Tuwanda Smith, Esq., 301-415-7394, Office of Small Business and Civil Rights.

The [complete list of grants](#) is posted on the NRC's website along with more information about [grant opportunities](#). In addition, a copy of the NRC Grant Award documents is available publicly in the NRC Agencywide Documents Access and Management System ([ADAMS](#)). Help in using ADAMS is available from the NRC Public Document Room at 301- 415-4737 or 800- 397-4209.

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