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Alexander Morris
FOIA Officer
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FOIA REQUEST
Fee benefit requested
Fee waiver requested
Expedited processing requested

Dear Alexander:

Pursuant to the federal Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, I request access to and copies of the abstracts of all applications for funding submitted to the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E) that have advanced to the second round of the application selection process. Please send an electronic copy of each of these funding application abstracts to me via email at phil.mckenna@newscientist.com as soon as the review of each document comes to completion. If any email exceeds 3MB in size, please also send the email to

The Funding Opportunity Number for which applications were submitted is DE-FOA-0000065. The CFDA Number is: 81.135

Applications for ARPA-E funding were accepted from May 12, 2009, at 8:00 AM Eastern Time until June 2, 2009, at 8:00 PM Eastern Time.

Additional information about this funding opportunity can be found at; http://arpa-e.energy.gov/keydocs/ARPA-E-FOA.PDF.

As a representative of the news media I am only required to pay for the direct cost of duplication after the first 100 pages. Please notify me if the number of pages will exceed this figure and how much duplication fees will exceed this amount.

Through this request, I am gathering information on the U.S. Department of Energy's Advanced Research Projects Agency – Energy (ARPA-E) that is of current interest to the public because ARPA-E will award a total of $150 million to winning applicants to pursue cutting edge research on new, transformational sources of clean energy that

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are vital to US energy security and global mitigation against climate change. This information is being sought on behalf of *New Scientist* for dissemination to the general public.

Please waive any applicable fees. Release of the information is in the public interest because it will contribute significantly to public understanding of government operations and activities.

If my request is denied in whole or part, I ask that you justify all deletions by reference to specific exemptions of the act. I will also expect you to release all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. I, of course, reserve the right to appeal your decision to withhold any information or to deny a waiver of fees.

As I am making this request as a journalist and this information is of timely value, I would appreciate your communicating with me by email, rather than by mail, if you have questions regarding this request.

Please provide expedited processing of this request which concerns a matter of urgency. As a journalist, I am primarily engaged in disseminating information. The public has an urgent need for information as soon as possible about all potential sources of clean, low carbon energy because the world needs as much information as possible about potential transformational energy-related technologies to overcome threats posed by climate change. I certify that my statements concerning the need for expedited processing are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.

I look forward to your reply within 20 business days, as the statute requires.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

Phil McKenna