



CRSP Center for Revolutionary Solar Photoconversion

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Re: Request for Proposal

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Dear CRSP Investigator,

The CENTER FOR REVOLUTIONARY SOLAR PHOTOCONVERSION (CRSP) will fund its second round of seed grants from funds provided by the CRSP membership fees plus dollar-for-dollar matching funds from the Colorado Renewable Energy Authority. The present roster of 14 CRSP member companies is attached as part of the recently updated CRSP brochure, and we expect additional members to be added to this roster in the future. For this round, we expect the maximum budget allowed per successful proposal for the first year to be \$100,000; we hope to be able to support at least 10 seed grants for the 2009 round of funding.

The 2009 Shared Research Thrust Areas (RTAs) for this second round of seed grants have been established after discussions between the CRSP member companies and the four CRSP institutions (NREL, CU-Boulder, CSU, and CSM). These RTAs are described in one of the attached documents. Descriptions of rules for writing the proposals and how they will be evaluated are attached in the proposal application and evaluation criteria documents. Both new proposals and requests for renewal of funded 2008 CRSP shared research projects are welcome.

The time line for the seed grants process is as follows:

- June 26, 2009 CRSP RFP sent to researchers at the four CRSP institutions
- September 1 Proposals due to CRSP via your institution's contracting office
- October 1 Proposals selected for presentation at the CRSP annual meeting will be announced
- Wk of Oct 19th Selected researchers will present proposals at 2009 CRSP annual meeting (and currently funded researchers will present research results to-date)
- December 1 Winning proposals will be announced
- January 2010 Funding will begin for winning proposals.

Also attached is a brochure about CRSP, the CRSP Membership Agreement, and the CRSP By-Laws. Please note that the Membership Agreement contains confidentiality language covering CRSP members and the four CRSP institutions as well as publication and intellectual property rights regarding the research. Also note that the By-Laws state that at least one-quarter of the funded proposals must to be in basic science of solar photon conversion; the remaining proposals may be more applied, reflecting the nearer-term perspective of some CRSP Member companies.

Sincerely,

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