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1. Army Issues Presolicitation for Advanced Soldier Portable Power Technologies

The U.S. Army Research Development Engineering Command (RDECOM) Communication and Electronics Research, Development and Engineering Center (RDEC), announced plans to issue a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Advanced Soldier Portable Power Technologies. Topics of interest are “Electrochemical Based Portable Power Sources,” “Fuel Based Portable Power Sources,” and “Power and Energy Systems including Alternative Energy Power Sources and Power Management.” The “Fuel Based Portable Power Sources” topic specifically mentions fuel cells as an eligible technology. The BAA is scheduled for release on or about November 3, 2010.

<https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&tab=core&id=59797f2eb5a4512d6e4873e719002d6e>

2. *DOE Science Office SBIR/STTR FOA Features Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Topic*

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) Office of Science released its annual Small Business Innovation Research/Small Business Technology Transfer (SBIR/STTR) Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA), which will award Phase I grants of up to \$150,000 for SBIR projects and up to \$100,000 for STTR projects. One of the technical topics included is "Hydrogen and Fuel Cells." DOE expects to make approximately 250 awards under this FOA. The deadline for applications is November 15, 2010.

<http://www.science.doe.gov/sbir/>

3. *DOE Seeks Comments on Draft Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program Plan*

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has released a draft version of its Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program Plan, which "outlines the strategy, activities, and plans of DOE's Hydrogen and Fuel Cells Program." Comments from relevant stakeholders will be accepted through November 30, 2010. A final version of the plan is expected to be published in FY 2011.

http://www1.eere.energy.gov/hydrogenandfuelcells/news_detail.html?news_id=16433

4. *Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Included in NSF SBIR Solicitation*

Hydrogen storage and fuel cells are included in the "Chemical Technology" subtopic of the "Biotechnology and Chemical Technologies" topic in the National Science Foundation's Small Business Innovation Research (NSF SBIR) Program Phase I Solicitation FY-2011 (Release 2). Phase I awards are for a maximum \$150,000. NSF expects to award \$37.5 million to approximately 250 projects. Proposals are due December 3, 2010.

http://www.nsf.gov/funding/pgm_summ.jsp?pims_id=503361

5. *Energy and Fuels Are Areas of Interest in Navy Long Range Science & Technology BAA*

The Office of Naval Research has issued a Long Range Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology. Fuel efficiency is mentioned in the "Expeditionary Maneuver Warfare & Combating Terrorism Department" topic; electrochemical power sources and future naval fuels are listed as research themes in the "Sea Warfare and Weapons" topic; and bio-energy harvesting is an area of research listed in the "Warfighter Performance" topic. Award amounts will vary "depending on the research area and the technical approach to be pursued by the selected offeror." White papers and proposals will be accepted on an ongoing basis. The BAA will remain open until September 30, 2011, or until replaced by a successor BAA.

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