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With the November 2009 issue of the Fuel Cell Connection, we are temporarily focusing solely on funding opportunities and solicitations. We hope to return to the regular format in early-2010.

Visit the Fuel Cell RFPs Web site (<http://www.fuelcellrfps.com>) for a listing of open solicitations and funding opportunities.

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*1. DOE Issues RFI on Requirements for Fuel Storage Subsystems for FC Applications*

The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) has issued a Request for Information (RFI) regarding requirements for fuel storage subsystems for early market fuel cell applications, including stationary back-up power, portable power, and mobile applications such as forklifts. DOE seeks responses from all stakeholders, including prospective users and component and system suppliers. The deadline for responses is December 15, 2009.

[http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/news\\_20091030.html](http://www.hydrogen.energy.gov/news_20091030.html)

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*2. CERL Seeks PEMFC Backup Power Demonstration Project Proposals*

The Construction Engineering Research Laboratory (CERL) of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers Engineer Research and Development Center (ERDC) has issued a Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for the demonstration of domestically-produced PEM fuel cells for backup power at federal facilities. A complete listing of the twelve host sites is available in the solicitation. Maximum per-project funding is not specified, but the BAA states contracts will be awarded on a firm fixed-price basis, and that the awards are subject to the availability of funds. Initial pre-proposals are due by December 30, 2009.

[https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=d3d6548f25ac7d4c604557c711ffd065&tab=core&\\_cview=1](https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=d3d6548f25ac7d4c604557c711ffd065&tab=core&_cview=1)

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**3. DOD 2010.1 SBIR Solicitation Includes Fuel Cell Topics**

The U.S. Department of Defense (DOD) has issued its 2010.1 Small Business Innovation Research (SBIR) solicitation, which includes fuel cell-related topics such as "Highly Integrated, Highly Efficient Fuel Reformer/Fuel Cell System" and "Energy Storage for Facilities Renewable Energy." Phase I awards are typically \$70,000 to \$100,000 in size over a period of six to nine months. Successful Phase I projects will be eligible to apply for Phase II funding. Prospective applicants may ask questions of topic authors until December 9, 2009. The deadline for submitting proposals is January 13, 2010.

<http://www.acq.osd.mil/osbp/sbir/>

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**4. NSWC Seeks Proposals for On-Board Hydrogen Storage & Power Systems**

The Naval Surface Warfare Center (NSWC) has issued a solicitation for proposals to analyze, identify, and compare on-board hydrogen storage materials, processes, and power system designs to significantly improve and extend the operating performance of its state-of-the-art Yard Dog tractor utility vehicles. The deadline for responses has not been announced. The solicitation will be posted on January 15, 2010. NSWC advises prospective responders to monitor the Crane web site to see when the solicitation is posted.

<http://www.crane.navy.mil/acquisition/homepage.htm>

[https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=ee0d9c7120347cd6b790acedf729779f&tab=core&\\_cview=1](https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=ee0d9c7120347cd6b790acedf729779f&tab=core&_cview=1)

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