

DOE Streamlines CRADA Contracts

Concerned with the delays associated with lengthy negotiations of CRADAs (co-operative research and development agreements), the U.S. Department of Energy announced the approval of two streamlined CRADA contracts.

The "modular" CRADA, a new approach to joint technology transfer partnership agreements with the private sector, universities, and other governmental entities, will apply to any interested potential partner. The modular CRADA publishes for the first time DOE's full range of pre-approved terms and conditions, along with criteria to be applied when negotiating CRADAs.

The small business CRADA, a shortened and simplified document, is aimed at speeding up departmental review and approval and simplifying partnership arrangements between small businesses and DOE.

DOE sources report that there has been significant private sector interest in both the modular CRADA and the small busi-

ness CRADA since Secretary O'Leary testified before a congressional hearing on July 29, 1993, that they were major initiatives in DOE's technology transfer plan. Feedback from several national outreach meetings with the private sector was used to craft the final CRADA language.

O'Leary noted that DOE is making other process improvements, working with other agencies, and integrating technology transfer opportunities into the department's program plans.

Copies of the modular CRADA and the small business CRADA can be obtained from the Department of Energy's Office of Technology Utilization, phone (202) 586-5388.

NSF Announces Solicitation for Academic Research Facilities Modernization

Proposals for the improvement of research facilities at U.S. academic institutions under the National Science Foundation's Academic Research Infrastructure Program (ARI) are due **April 5, 1994**.

Intended to improve the condition of research and research training facilities in

U.S. academic institutions in all disciplines, the ARI Program has two components, instrumentation modernization and facilities modernization. In FY 1994, however, the competitions for these two components are being held separately. The current solicitation focuses on facilities modernization.

In FY 1994 the ARI Program expects to allocate \$55 million for the repair or renovation of scientific or engineering research and research training facilities. Awards will range from \$100,000 to \$2 million and are expected to be announced during September or October 1994. The success rate for FY 1993 facilities modernization proposals was 30%.

For information about the NSF Academic Research Infrastructure Program (publication NSF 93-166 covers the facilities modernization solicitation), contact: Office of Science and Technology Infrastructure, Academic Research Infrastructure, National Science Foundation, Room 1270, 4201 Wilson Blvd., Arlington, VA 22230. Phone (703) 306-1040; E-mail (Bitnet) ari@nsf; (Internet) ari@nsf.gov. □

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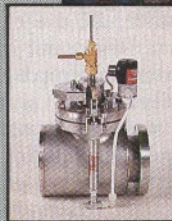
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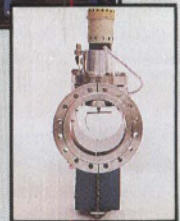
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