

Funding Opportunity Announcement: DE-FOA-0000744

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Answers to Frequently Asked Question about this Announcement

Frequently Asked Questions regarding the Funding Opportunity Announcement for Diagnostic Systems for Magnetic Fusion Energy Sciences

Q1: Will proposals for diagnostic development work to be carried out on C-Mod be permitted in response to the Diagnostics FOA?

A1: Yes, although funding of such proposals will be subject to availability of funds, which depends on C-Mod continuing to operate in FY 2013-2015. In such proposals, it would be advisable (albeit not mandatory) to include an alternate plan for performing the proposed diagnostic development work on another facility; this alternate plan may be described in less detail than the primary plan, but sufficient to establish viability.

Q2: For a proposal applying for renewal of an existing grant, is it necessary for the proposal to address the performance of the project under the existing grant period, and where should it be addressed?

A2: Yes, on p. 20-21 of the FOA, where the Merit Review Criteria are listed, Criterion (e) states that “Performance under existing award (for renewal applications)” will be evaluated. Therefore, a renewal proposal should address this criterion by giving an account of the performance under existing award suitable for review. How and where in the proposal should this be addressed is completely up to the proposer. A suggestion is that a proposer might include a brief section in the main body of the proposal (which is subject to the page limit) highlighting the previous accomplishments, and if necessary, referring the reviewer for more details to an appropriate Appendix (appropriately titled such as “Appendix 1: Performance under Existing Award”). However, as stated in the FOA, the reviewer is not obliged to read materials in the Appendices, and the pages in the Appendices are not counted in the page limit of 20.