

U.S. Dept of Energy Announces Smart Grid Funding Programs

Deadlines Are Approaching

On June 25, 2009 the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) announced it is soliciting applications for \$3.9 billion in grants to support efforts to modernize the electric grid. Deadlines for letters of intent are as early as July 16, 2009 and application due dates by August 6, 2009.

Two options exist for funding. First, under the *Smart Grid Investment Grant Program*, DOE will provide cost-shared grants to support manufacturing, purchasing and installation of existing smart grid technologies that can be deployed on a commercial scale. Second, funding under the *Smart Grid Demonstration Program* will be used to demonstrate how emerging technologies can be applied in innovative ways within the electric delivery system to provide integrated and economically-feasible solutions.

The D.O.E.'s Funding Opportunity Announcements (FOA) may be found at www.fedconnect.net. Search on the web site for the following reference numbers: Smart Grid Investment Program (**DE-FOA-0000058**) and Smart Grid Demonstrations (**DE-FOA-0000036**). See each FOA for specific eligibility guidelines and deadlines.