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## **OSM REQUESTS PROPOSALS ON PROJECTS DEMONSTRATING IMPROVED TECHNIQUES IN MINING AND RECLAMATION**

(Washington, DC)- The Interior Department's Office of Surface Mining Reclamation and Enforcement (OSM) is requesting proposals for projects that develop and demonstrate improved technologies addressing environmental issues related to surface coal mining and reclamation.

OSM has identified seven high priority topics that will receive additional points in the project selection process: reforestation; blasting; hydrology; soils-based crop yield predictor; carbon dioxide gas intrusion; coal mine voids and fires; and invasive species. All projects must be directly related to coal mining and reclamation and must include a letter of endorsement on official letterhead signed by management official representing either a State, Indian, or Federal Abandoned Mine Land or Surface Mining Control and Reclamation Act Regulatory Authority. Proposals without such an endorsement will not be considered for funding.

Total funding in past years was FY 2006 \$935,298; FY 2007 \$950,678; and FY 2008 \$1,345,000. OSM will announce the total amount of FY 2009 funding at a later date. Applicants may request funding, not to exceed \$200,000, for FY 2009. The vehicle for awarding funds will be a cooperative agreement.

The full announcement is available electronically on line at the applied science page of <http://www.techtransfer.osmre.gov/>. More information can also be found at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). Use the Basic Search function and enter the keyword OSM. Select the Applied Science Program announcement. In order to receive a paper copy, please contact:

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