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INL supports grants to enhance science education for Idaho students

Idaho National Laboratory announces the availability of two 2014 grant programs in support of excellence and innovation in science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) education. Applications are currently being accepted for INL STEM Mini Grants and an INL Extreme Classroom Makeover Grant.

Funding for the grants comes from Battelle Energy Alliance, which operates INL for the U.S. Department of Energy.

The 2014 INL STEM Mini Grants will provide funds to enhance public and private elementary, middle school and high school programs. Teachers can apply for up to \$1,000 to fund technology or lab equipment, material for special projects, or professional development.

The INL Extreme Classroom Makeover Grant will provide funding to a teacher or school to transform a classroom into a 21st century STEM learning environment. One \$10,000 grant award is available to support classroom instructional resources, materials and laboratory equipment used to integrate STEM concepts across all disciplines.

Grant applications are available at <http://www.inl.gov/k-12/>. Completed applications must be received by Dec. 1, 2013.

A panel of judges will evaluate the applications based on specific criteria. Teachers are required to provide information on how learning objectives and curriculum concepts will be enhanced and how the project or program will improve student interest and achievement. Grant recipients will be announced in January, 2014.

Over the past eight years, INL's Education Programs office has contributed nearly \$3 million to upgrade STEM education in Idaho.

INL is one of the DOE's 10 multiprogram national laboratories. The laboratory performs work in each of DOE's strategic goal areas: energy, national security, science and environment. INL is the nation's leading center for nuclear energy research and development. Day-to-day management and operation of the laboratory is the responsibility of Battelle Energy Alliance.

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