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Battelle Energy Alliance opens application process for two community programs

IDAHO FALLS — Battelle Energy Alliance, operator of the U.S. Department of Energy's Idaho National Laboratory, today announced the application period for its fiscal year 2015 Community Giving and Technology-based Economic Development campaigns. The 2015 charitable donation campaign focuses on two programs, each with a distinct audience and aim. BEA is asking all requests for charitable donations related to each category to be submitted by Sept. 15, 2014.

Fiscal Year 2015 Community Giving Campaign

Through the INL Community Giving program, BEA provides corporate-funded donations in selected areas, including human services, health, environment, arts and civic projects.

"Requests from regional organizations include everything from feeding the hungry and providing basic shelter to improving the quality of life. The selection process is never easy," said Amy Lientz, director of INL Communications and Governmental Affairs.

Since 2005, the program has provided support for a variety of outreach efforts with a positive impact on the community.

"Our first priority for the Community Giving program will be to give to organizations that support the basic needs of children and the underprivileged," said Lori Priest, contributions administrator.

Fiscal Year 2015 Technology-based Economic Development Campaign

The second program, INL Technology-based Economic Development program, targets projects aimed at spurring regional economic development, technology-based economic development, entrepreneurship and innovation in the region.

"We're looking for impactful projects that boost the regional economy in novel ways," said Stephanie Cook of INL's Technology Deployment team. "Projects that connect industry, universities, new business startups and regional economic development organizations through job creation and leading-edge innovation are at the top of our list to fund in 2015."

All requests for INL charitable donations need to be submitted on the 2015 donation request form by Sept. 15. Decisions about 2015 contributions will be made on or before Dec. 15. Requesting organizations will be notified of funds awarded. Awarded funds will cover projects for the period of Oct. 1, 2014, to Sept. 30, 2015.

Eligibility criteria: Organizations must be 501(c)(3) nonprofit entities. A copy of the IRS tax-exempt letter must accompany the form. INL's charitable donation program does not fund political or religious organizations, emergency response, courtesy advertisements, athletic programs or events, individuals, contests or extracurricular school activities. This funding does not include requests for K-12 education donations.

For further information on educational funding requests, contact Brenda Greenhalgh at brenda.greenhalgh@inl.gov.

For full details on both programs, or to download the 2015 request for donation form, visit Idaho National Laboratory's website at <http://www.inl.gov>. From there, select the Community Outreach link on the left and scroll to view the Community Giving section or the Technology-based Economic Development section. Applications are due for consideration by Sept. 15. Applications submitted after Sept. 15 will not be included in the review process.

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