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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bureau of Reclamation Employees

From: Curtis A. Brown /s/
Director, Research and Development

Subject: Call for FY 2008 Research and Development (R&D) Proposals - Science & Technology (S&T) Program

You can help the Bureau of Reclamation address the challenges of managing water in the West. As a Reclamation employee, nobody is better qualified than you to understand and help solve our Western water challenges. Please submit an S&T proposal by June 29, 2007, that will help Reclamation find new and better ways to achieve our mission of managing water and generating power in the West.

How to Submit New Proposals – All Reclamation employees are eligible to submit proposals. Proposals must be submitted by June 29, 2007, through our online proposal system at <https://www.usbr.gov/research/propcweb/login/login.cfm>. Contact Siegie Potthoff, 303-445-2136, spotthoff@do.usbr.gov or Janet Montano 303-445-2125, jmontano@do.usbr.gov to get a user name and password to view or access the system. Existing users may log into the system using their existing user name and password. If your password has expired, you will be prompted to change your password. If you have forgotten your password, contact Siegie or Janet. To learn more about the program and priorities, please refer to the attachment.

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S&T Program and Priorities

Managing for Excellence – *Managing for Excellence* [Team 35 findings](#) call for a restructured S&T Program steering team and a new charter. The Research and Development (R&D) Office will be assembling the new steering team and begin addressing the tasks in the new charter over the next several months.

A Note About Priorities – An initial effort for the new steering team will be to review and update the S&T Program priorities. For detailed descriptions of priorities, view our research [agenda](#). Relative [priorities established in 2004](#) for each of the topical research output areas on this agenda were established by our steering team in 2004. These priorities will be used to guide funding levels for each output area in FY 2008 with the following increased emphasis:

- Evaluating climate change science, potential impacts on Reclamation’s role of delivering water and power to our project beneficiaries, and potential adaptation strategies.
- Understanding institutional barriers to efficient, effective water management and pursuing new improved approaches that can assist water managers build contemporary, flexible institutional capacity. This emphasis is consistent with the key tools of Water 2025. National Research Council Reports: [Envisioning the Agenda for Water Resources in the Twenty-First Century, Chapter 4](#); and [Managing Construction and Infrastructure in the 21st Century, Bureau of Reclamation](#), provide more discussion on the research, tools, and skill sets needed.

Learn More – Visit <http://www.usbr.gov/research/science-and-tech> to learn more about the S&T Program. Once you are at this website, we suggest that you download a PDF version of our program brochure. We also suggest that you click on “View our [FY 2007 Portfolio of Research Projects](#) in the Science and Technology Program.” This link not only allows you to search our data base of ongoing R&D projects, but it also provides you with useful information about our research agenda, proposal review criteria, proposal selection process, priorities, and program goals. The best way to become familiar with the program and the proposal submission process is to establish a username and password for our online proposal system. A complete overview of the program and proposal instructions are available to you through our online proposal system.