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Department of Energy Issues Request for Proposals for Contractor to Manage and Operate Brookhaven National Laboratory

UPTON, NY – The U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) today announced the issuance of a Request for Proposals (RFP) for the competitive selection of an approximately \$3.25 billion, five-year, management-and-operations contract for Brookhaven National Laboratory (BNL). BNL is a major DOE Office of Science multi-program research facility on Long Island, NY, 60 miles east of New York City.

BNL is a multi-program laboratory conducting research in nuclear and highenergy physics, physics and chemistry of materials, environmental and energy research, nonproliferation, and structural biology. Approximately 4,000 scientists visit BNL each year to use the research facilities, which include the Relativistic Heavy Ion Collider, National Synchrotron Light Sources I and II, the Center for Functional Nanomaterials, and the NASA Space Radiation Laboratory.

The RFP includes a maximum annual performance fee of approximately \$7 million, depending on whether the awardee is a profit or non-profit entity. DOE expects to award the contract before the current agreement with the Brookhaven Science Associates, LLC, expires on January 4, 2015, allowing for an anticipated two-month transition. DOE expects the selected contractor to assume full responsibility for the operation of BNL on or about January 5, 2015.

Interested parties have until June 19, 2014 to submit proposals to DOE's Source Evaluation Board (SEB) made up of DOE business and technical experts. DOE will host a formal pre-proposal conference within 30 days of the RFP release to discuss the RFP. The SEB maintains a website at http://BNLcompetition.science.energy.gov. Pertinent information about the RFP can be found there and questions can be submitted to the SEB through the website. Answers to questions sent to the SEB will be posted on the RFP website.

BNL funding for FY 2014 is projected to be approximately \$650 million, provided by the DOE Office of Science and other sources.

The RFP is available on the BNL competition website: http://bnLcompetition.science.energy.gov



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