



**Status Update: EAct 2005 Title IX, Subtitle J
Section 999 – Project NT42677, “Ultra-Deepwater
and Unconventional Natural Gas and Other
Petroleum Resources Program**

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Program Accomplishments

Solicitations & Awards

Accomplishments:

- 3 Annual Plans completed
- 15 solicitations released under 2007 R&D funding
- 43 projects selected for award under 2007 solicitations
 - 17 Ultra-Deepwater projects
 - 19 Unconventional Resources projects
 - 7 Small Producers projects

Program Accomplishments

Solicitations & Awards

- **Current Status:**
- Initial projects just underway
- 69 proposals received under 2008 Unconventional Resources RFP
 - 9 selections approved
- 23 proposals received under 2008 Small Producers RFP
 - 6 selections approved, 1 subcontract awarded (7/8/09)
- 27 proposals received under 11 UDW RFPs
 - 3 selections approved

- 7 solicitations planned to be released late Summer 2009
 - 5 Ultra-deepwater (\$14.8 million)
 - 1 Unconventional Resources (\$13.7 million)
 - 1 Small Producers (\$3.2 million)

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Unconventional Gas RFP Activity 2007

- RFP released Oct. 17, 2007
- RFP closed Dec. 3, 2007
- RFP selections submitted to NETL Mar.1, 2008
- NETL approves 19 selections for RFP Mar. 11, 2008
- RPSEA awards 1st R&D subcontract July 28, 2008
- Last subcontract awarded April 29, 2009*

* Award delayed as PI changed Universities

Small Producer RFP Activity 2007

- RFP Released Oct. 17, 2007
- RFP Closed Dec. 3, 2007
- RFP selections submitted to NETL for approval Jan. 25, 2008
- NETL approves 7 projects for selection Feb. 1, 2008
- RPSEA awards 1st R&D subcontract June 2, 2008
- Last subcontract awarded Sept 3, 2008

Unconventional Gas RFP Activity 2008

- RFP released Nov. 11, 2008
- RFP closed Jan. 12, 2009
- RFP selections submitted to NETL Mar.1, 2008
- NETL approves 9 selections Mar. 28, 2009

Small Producer RFP Activity 2008

- RFPs Released Nov. 11, 2008
- RFPs Closed Jan. 12, 2009
- RFPs Selection submitted Mar. 26, 2009
- NETL approves 6 selections Mar. 28, 2009

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2009 Funding Disbursement History

- **November 6, 2008: 2009 Annual Plan submitted to Secretary of Energy**
- **December 22, 2008: NETL obligates \$1,000,000 to RPSEA contract**
- **January 13, 2009: Annual Plan approved**
- **January 27, 2009: Annual Plan published in Federal Register**
- **February 11, 2009: Remainder of FY09 funding arrives at NETL**
- **March 4, 2009: Remainder of FY09 Funds obligated to RPSEA contract**

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2009 Program / Process Enhancements - Contractual / GAO

- RFP templates developed
- Subcontract templates developed
- Streamlined proposal submission process
- Hold Contracting Process Overview Meeting prior to solicitation release
- Use secure FTP site to distribute proposals to reviewers
- NETL's technology transfer program inclusive of RPSEA – Comprehensive Tech Transfer Program
- Streamlined Subcontract Approval Process
- Benefits methodology developed
- **Added documentation to address GAO comment on whether this work would be done without government funding.**

2009 Program / Process Enhancements - Risk Mitigation / Management

- **Annual Plan Schedule developed for optimal program continuity, i.e., minimal delays in funding**
- **Houston Area Office opened**
- **Continuous dialogue with RPSEA**
- **Blanket waiver received for Intellectual Property**
- **NETL Begins Development of comprehensive metrics for Offshore and Onshore Programs synergistic with Technology Transfer effort**

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