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DFOP0018449: Mitigating Proliferation Risks Posed by Artificial Intelligence Enabled  
Molecular Models and Leveraging Nonproliferation Opportunities

Frequently Asked Questions  
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**Q: Our organization is looking to apply to this opportunity with an identified subrecipient. Given the eligibility restrictions identified in Section C.1, can our application include a foreign-based subrecipient?**

**A: Yes**-Section C.1 indicates that applications may be submitted by U.S.-based non-profit/non-governmental organizations with or without 501(c) (3) status of the U.S. tax code; U.S.-based private, public, or State institutions of higher education; U.S. for-profit organizations or businesses; and U.S. Federal Government Entities. Foreign-based organizations are not eligible to apply for this opportunity on their own. Section B.1 establishes that organizations may form a consortium to submit a combined proposal, though only one organization may be listed as the lead applicant. While the lead applicant must meet the eligibility criteria as established in Section C, there is no such restriction on foreign-based subrecipients, whether proposed as part of a consortium proposal or identified in the award phase. Subrecipients are still expected to follow all other requirements as identified in Section D, including but not limited to having a Unique Entity Identified (UEI) and an active registration in SAM.gov.

**Q: Are Department of Energy National Laboratories eligible to apply for this opportunity? How would that work given we cannot gain access to the MyGrants platform?**

**A: Yes**-Section C.1 indicates that applications may be submitted by U.S. Federal Government Entities, to include the Department of Energy National Laboratories. Unlike other eligible applicants, U.S. Federal Government Entities are not expected to apply using the MyGrants platform and instead must submit complete application packages to [ACN-NDF-Grants@state.gov](mailto:ACN-NDF-Grants@state.gov). These organizations must still comply with all restrictions as identified in Section D and applications will be evaluated based on the same criteria identified in Section E. Interested applicants should review the [Grants.gov posting](#) for relevant templates.

Should an application from a U.S. Federal Government Entity be selected from this funding opportunity, ACN/NDF will work with the successful applicant to establish an interagency agreement. That process will be done outside the MyGrants platform.