

Call for R&D Proposals in the PPA Directorate

The vitality of the PPA research program over the long term will depend on our ability to maintain a healthy environment for fostering new ideas for future research directions. Each year a limited amount of funding is available to support R&D activities, outside of the projects (either in operations or development) that currently comprise the base program. Potential allotments for such activities are in the range of \$10-50K/yr of M&S.

The purpose of this "call for proposals" is to formalize the process by which such funding is distributed. SLAC faculty and members of the scientific staff, who have ideas for new research projects of this kind, are invited to draft short proposals (not more than 3 pages, including figures) which outline the nature of the investigation, its relevance to PPA and the mission of SLAC as a whole, and the justification for the requested funding. These should be discussed with the proposers' supervisors in advance of submission, to ensure that time spent in carrying out the required R&D will not interfere with other responsibilities. The proposal should include an estimate of technical manpower support (in units of FTE) that will be required from REGM, REGE, and operations departments, in addition to details of the M&S needs. Proposals, with supervisor sign off, should be sent to the PPA Director on or before November 15th of this year.

The submitted proposals will be reviewed by the PPA Senior Management, and a subset will be selected for more in-depth follow-up discussion. We expect to complete the evaluation of these proposals in time for the final FY07 budget negotiations at the end of the calendar year.

Proposals for more than \$50K/yr of M&S funding should be discussed individually with the PPA Director and the relevant Assistant Director.