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MEMORANDUM

To: All Bureau of Reclamation Employees

From: Curt Brown /s/
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Subject: Call for FY 2009 Research Proposals and FY 2008 Progress Reports – Science & Technology (S&T) Program

As a Bureau of Reclamation employee, nobody is better qualified than you to understand and help solve our Western water challenges. If you know of a problem or a challenge our agency faces that can be addressed through research and development, we want you to submit a research proposal by June 30, 2008 that will help Reclamation achieve our mission of managing water and generating power in the West.

Over the past 5 years, the Research and Development (R&D) Office has funded 637 proposals that have led to many important tools, solutions, and improvements in the way we manage our water infrastructure and related resources. See http://intra.usbr.gov/research/proposal_examples.htm for examples of funded research proposals, and go to our Western Water and Power Solution Bulletins at <http://www.usbr.gov/research/science-and-tech/research/results/index.html> to read about the kinds of tools and solutions these projects provided.

How to Submit New Proposals. Only Reclamation employees are eligible to submit proposals. Proposals must be submitted by June 30, 2008, through our online proposal system at <https://www.usbr.gov/research/propweb/login/login.cfm>. Contact Siegie Potthoff (303-445-2136, spotthoff@do.usbr.gov) or Janet Montano (303-445-2125, jmontano@do.usbr.gov) to establish an account to access the system. Existing users may log into the system using their existing username and password. If your password has expired, you will be prompted to change your password. If you forgot your password, you may now reset your password on line by clicking on “I forgot my password,” and a new one will be emailed to you. When you are finished with your proposal, you must submit your proposal for review in order to receive consideration for funding. You can check the status of your proposal when you are logged in as a proposal submitter.

A Note about Priorities. The R&D Office welcomes proposals in all areas affecting Reclamation, including the broad categories of:

- Improving Water Delivery Reliability
- Improving Water and Power Infrastructure Reliability
- Improving Water Operations Decision Support
- Advancing Water Supply Technologies

This year we are placing increased emphasis on:

- The spread of invasive Zebra and Quagga Mussels. This could soon be a significant problem for Reclamation and our stakeholders. We are soliciting proposals that address the identification and control of these aquatic invasive species.
- Evaluating the potential impact of climate change on our mission, and potential adaptation strategies.

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, I suggest that you download a PDF version of our program brochure. I also suggest that you click on “[View our FY 2008 Portfolio of Research Projects in the Science and Technology Program.](#)” This link allows you to search our data base of ongoing R&D projects, and also provides you with useful information about our research agenda, proposal review criteria, proposal selection process, priorities, and program goals.

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