

## **Brackish Groundwater National Desalination Research Facility (BGNDRF) Newsletter**



*From the Manager:* We are pleased to present another issue of our periodic newsletter. It is designed to be a brief, information-filled page that will be of interest to our customers and friends. Feedback is welcome. Please contact me at (575) 443-6553 or email me at: [rshaw@usbr.gov](mailto:rshaw@usbr.gov).  
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### **DWPR Grant Opportunity Announced**

Below are excerpts from a press release dated December 15, 2015:

As part of an ongoing effort to further technological advances related to imbalances between water supply and demand, the Bureau of Reclamation announced today it will seek proposals for research, laboratory studies and pilot-scale projects that target increasing the usable supply of water in the United States as part of its Desalination and Water Purification Research Program.

Reclamation will provide up to \$150,000 for the research and laboratory studies. Between five and 15 projects are expected to receive funding. Studies must be completed within one year. All applicants are required to have a minimum of a 50 percent non-federal cost-share except for institutions of higher learning. Institutions of higher learning are encouraged to have some cost-share.

For pilot-scale projects, Reclamation will provide up to \$200,000 per year, per project. The pilot-scale projects must be completed within two years. Between one and five projects are expected to receive funding. All applicants must provide at least 50 percent non-federal cost-share.

Individuals, higher education institutions, commercial or industrial organizations, private and public entities (including state and local), non-profit organizations, and Indian Tribal Governments are all eligible to apply for these funding opportunities.

The DWPR Program focuses on three main goals: (1) augment the supply of usable water in the United States; (2) understand the environmental impacts of desalination and develop approaches to minimize these impacts relative to other water supply alternatives; (3) develop approaches to lower the financial costs of desalination so that it is an attractive option relative to other alternatives in locations where traditional sources of water are inadequate.

The funding opportunity announcements are available at [www.grants.gov](http://www.grants.gov). For research and laboratory studies, search for announcement number R16-FOA-DO-009. For pilot scale studies, R16-FOA-DO-010. Phase one applications are due by 4 p.m. MST on Feb. 8, 2016. The phase two deadline is 4 p.m. MDT on April 27, 2016.

For more information about Reclamation's Desalination and Water Purification Research Program, visit: <http://www.usbr.gov/research/programs/desalination/>

The complete press release is at: <http://www.usbr.gov/newsroom/newsrelease/detail.cfm?RecordID=51727>

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