



Department of Energy
Office of Science
Washington, DC 20585

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Dear Colleagues,

I am writing to request your help in identifying candidates for the position of Director of the Office of Fusion Energy Sciences (FES) within the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE's) Office of Science. The FES program is the nation's leading program devoted to research in plasma sciences, fusion sciences, fusion engineering sciences and technology, and high-energy-density physics.

I am seeking suggestions for candidates for this position, including self nominations. Each individual suggested will be sent a letter providing information on the position and how to apply and will be encouraged to submit an application. Please send your suggestions to me at patricia.dehmer@science.doe.gov, with e-mail addresses for all candidates, by Tuesday, August 26th.

The FES program supports work to advance plasma science, fusion science, and fusion technology to establish the knowledge base needed for a fusion energy source and to advance the understanding of plasma and high-energy-density states of matter. The program supports several plasma-confinement research facilities, which serve as national user facilities. It also supports the U.S. part of the construction and operation of the ITER experiment; a joint program with the National Nuclear Security Administration on high-energy-density laboratory plasmas; and the initiation of the Fusion Simulation Project, which is developing integrated computer models for ITER. Annually, more than 1,000 researchers from universities, national laboratories, and industrial laboratories receive support from the FES program.

The Director of FES is responsible for the overall management of this program including: strategic program planning; budget formulation and execution; project management, including management of the ITER project; program integration with other Office of Science activities and with the DOE technology offices; interagency and international liaison; and management of the federal and rotator technical and administrative staff in the FES program office. For more information on the program please go to <http://www.ofes.fusion.doe.gov/>.

The incumbent serves as one of six Associate Directors of the Office of Science. The position is within the ranks of the U.S. government's Senior Executive Service (SES); members of the SES serve in key positions just below Presidential appointees.

The job announcement, which will be open until October 22, 2008, can be found at <http://jobsearch.usajobs.gov/getjob.asp?JobID=74588661&AVSDM=2008%2D08%2D07+00%3A03%3A01&Logo=0&sort=rv&vw=d&brd=3876&ss=0&customapplicant=15513,15514,15515,15669,15523,15512,15516,45575&q=Germantown%20MD>

Please feel free to share this letter with your colleagues. I thank you for your help, and I look forward to receiving your suggestions.

Sincerely,

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