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MEMORANDUM FOR OFFICE OF SCIENCE GRANT AND COOPERATIVE
AGREEMENT APPLICANTS AND RECIPIENTS

FROM:

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SUBJECT:

FULL FUNDING FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE AWARDS
UNDER \$1 MILLION

On Friday, January 17, 2014, President Obama signed the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2014, funding the Federal Government through September 30, 2014.

Section 310 of Division D of the act states

Notwithstanding section 301(c) of this Act, none of the funds made available under the heading 'Department of Energy—Energy Programs—Science' may be used for a multiyear contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or Other Transaction Agreement of \$1,000,000 or less unless the contract, grant, cooperative agreement, or Other Transaction Agreement is funded for the full period of performance as anticipated at the time of award.

The Office of Science's financial assistance awards have historically been made for three- to five-year project periods with funding provided annually in discrete budget periods. We will no longer fund awards with a project period total cost of \$1,000,000 or less in this way. Any new or renewal financial assistance award with a project period total cost of \$1,000,000 or less will be funded in full.

Beginning immediately, the entire value of any grant or cooperative agreement with a total cost of \$1,000,000 or less will be obligated when the award is made. Funds for the awards will be fully obligated and either placed in the government-wide Automated Standard Application for Payments (ASAP, <http://www.fms.treas.gov/asap>) or made available for invoicing. The awards will be structured with multiple budget periods. Recipients will need to comply with all award terms and conditions, including reporting requirements, before the award will be amended or modified to allow access to funds through ASAP or invoicing for subsequent budget periods.

The Office of Science anticipates that applications for new and renewal grants and cooperative agreements will be awarded at reduced success rates over the next three to five years. After this transition period, success rates should return to historic norms.