

Statement by the USNIC

Regarding Secretary of Energy Rick Perry's Announcement of \$60 Million for U.S. Industry Awards in Support of Advanced Nuclear Technology Development

U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) U.S. Industry Opportunities for Advanced Nuclear Technology Development Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA) of April 27, 2018

Secretary Perry and the DOE Office of Nuclear Energy team have taken a bold step forward to propel U.S. nuclear energy innovation and leadership through the Department's tangible \$60 million cost-shared funding awards for advanced nuclear technology.

This private-public partnership investment comes at a pivotal time for U.S. nuclear energy leadership on all fronts. The FOA will pay dividends as it spurs advanced nuclear development, clean energy leadership, jobs and exports.

We applaud the industry-oriented focus of the FOA, the breadth and depth of the 13 awards along with the speed, velocity and continuing funding mission of the FOA initiative as well as its responsiveness to strong bicameral, bipartisan Congressional support for advanced nuclear innovation.

In particular, we welcome the FOA's pathway focuses on new technology demonstration for SMRs, navigating the regulatory process, testing and validation, facilitating new technologies including integrated advanced manufacturing and the Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN).

It is our hope that the Department will move forward rapidly to consummate these awards and allow the industry-led teams to deploy in the near term.

Congratulations again to Secretary Perry on championing this critical action and to the talented nuclear energy industry awardees.

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