



2008-2009: Geoengineer.org Donors Fund

CALL FOR PROPOSALS

DEADLINE: MAY 15 2009

Geoengineer.org through the Geoengineer.org Donors Fund solicits proposals for geo-projects that can make a valuable contribution to the geoengineering profession. Preference is given to projects that will make an impact internationally.

Proposers should submit electronically all required documents as explained below. This includes information about the scope of the proposal, the work plan, the schedule and budget as well as a cv of the proposer.

Proposed projects may include any of the following:

- Development of online course(s);
- Development of online resource(s) or database(s);
- Development of educational/instructional or informative resource(s) (e.g. development of manuals, animations, videos, or powerpoint slides);
- Development of a gallery;
- Other resources that are useful to the geoengineering community; For questions, contact Dr. Dimitrios Zekkos at zekkos@geoengineer.org.

It is expected that the deliverable of the project will benefit the profession and will become widely available to the Geoengineering community through Geoengineer.org.

Depending on the success of the program in the future, and the amount of donations, small research projects may be funded. However, the presently available amount is considered too small to fund a research project.

Each individual may submit only one proposal each year. Proposals submitted by a group of individuals are allowed. The proposal has to explain what the responsibilities of each member of the group are.

The duration of the project for 2009 is 1 year starting September 1st, 2009.

Funding for each project will be weighted towards the second half of the duration of the project, i.e. the awardee will have to demonstrate that progress is being made, before any funds are released.

Eligibility

Academics, practicing engineers, and researchers from all countries are eligible to submit a proposal.

Graduate students may also submit a proposal. However, the qualifications of the proposer (cv) is a major consideration in the selection process. A successful track record in completing projects on time and on budget is preferable.



Proposal Submission Guidelines

Each proposer must submit the following documents:

1. Completed Proposal Form.
2. 2-page cv, which should include, educational background, positions held (academic or in the industry), and any other relevant material such as publications, activities, initiatives etc.

Please email the completed form in Word format to secretariat@geoengineer.org by 12 pm Eastern US Time, May 15 2009. Late proposals will not be accepted.

Assessment of Proposals

Proposals will be pre-screened by a 3- person "Donor's Fund Review Board". The review board will evaluate proposals based on the following criteria:

1. Completeness and organization of the proposal;
2. Merit of the proposal: Is it valuable to the geoengineering community? Is there a need for it? Can the community use the deliverable through Geoengineer.org?
3. Qualifications of the proposer;
4. Relation of the proposed activity/deliverable to the scope of the funds;
5. The amount of funds requested;

The Board will review all proposals and will select the top 5 proposals.

The top 5-10 proposals are forwarded to the donors who made a donation on or before March 1st 2009, through the donor's restricted website (<http://donors.geoengineer.org>). Each donor will be allowed to vote for the project(s) she/he supports. Each donor has a number of votes that is directly proportional to the amount of her/his donation. This means that donors who made larger donations have greater influence in the final decision for funding. Donors may decide to distribute their votes to a number of projects, or simply vote for one.

The donors will have 1 month to review the submitted proposals and vote their preferred proposals. The votes of a donor who has not voted within the time allotted will be used at the discretion of the Donor's Fund Review Board.

Final decisions will be announced by the end of August, 2009.

Contacts

If you have any questions please contact Mima Malakou at: secretariat@geoengineer.org.
For technical questions, contact Dr. Dimitrios Zekkos at zekkos@geoengineer.org.



About the Geoengineer.org Donor's fund

The purpose of the Geoengineer.org Donor's Fund is to financially support activities that will benefit the profession and involve geoengineers-donors in the decision making and the activities of Geoengineer.org. Donors of our Center participate in the decisions associated with the projects that are to be funded. Our goal is to form an active group of passionate geoengineers that with their donations and decisions will impact the practice, research and education of geoengineering globally.

This is the first year this program is being implemented. The total amount donated and available in the Fund for 2008-2009 is \$3,000. Submitted proposals may not exceed this amount.

To become a donor for the 2009-2010 period please visit <http://donors.geoengineer.org> and make a donation. Donations are accepted until the end of February 2010.