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Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) announces advanced nuclear technology development voucher opportunity

IDAHO FALLS, Idaho – The Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear (GAIN) today announced the availability of fiscal year 2018 funds for vouchers to assist applicants developing advanced nuclear energy technologies who are seeking access to the world-class expertise and capabilities available across the U.S. Department of Energy's national laboratory complex. The vouchers are provided by the DOE's Office of Nuclear Energy to support nuclear energy innovation.

"We are excited to offer another round of vouchers to help support U.S. innovation in advanced nuclear technology," said Rita Baranwal, GAIN director. "The objective of GAIN is to accelerate cost-effective commercialization of advanced nuclear energy technologies. This cost-sharing initiative enables partnerships with businesses and provides them with access to the technical, regulatory and financial support necessary to bring these important technologies to the market sooner."

Vouchers are not financial awards made directly to businesses. Rather, they provide funding to a DOE national laboratory to conduct research or technical support activities to help businesses overcome critical technology and commercialization challenges.

The vouchers generally range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Approximately \$4 million will be available in FY2018.

More information on the NE voucher program, including the Request for Assistance (RFA) and contract templates, is available on the GAIN website (<http://gain.inl.gov>) under the Funding Opportunities tab.

The Gateway for Accelerated Innovation in Nuclear is a U.S. Department of Energy initiative to provide the nuclear industrial community with access to the technical, regulatory, and financial support necessary to move new or advanced nuclear technologies toward commercialization while ensuring the continued safe, reliable, and economic operation of the existing nuclear fleet. Day-to-day management of GAIN is the responsibility of Idaho National Laboratory. See more GAIN news at gain.inl.gov. Follow @GAINnuclear on [Twitter](https://twitter.com/GAINnuclear) or visit our Facebook page at www.facebook.com/GAINnuclear.

Idaho National Laboratory is one of the U.S. Department of Energy's national laboratories. The laboratory performs work in each of DOE's strategic goal areas: energy, national security, science and environment. INL is the nation's leading center for nuclear energy research and development. Day-to-day management and operation of the laboratory is the responsibility of Battelle Energy Alliance.

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