

National Reconnaissance Office Solicits New Ideas

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The National Reconnaissance Office opened its Fiscal Year 2001 Director's Innovative Initiative (DII) solicitation on Oct. 2. This program solicits research and development proposals focusing on new processing methods, new business practices and new sources and sensors. The deadline for receipt of proposals is Nov. 15.

The NRO Director's Innovative Initiative was established by the Director, National Reconnaissance Office, Mr. Keith Hall, in 1998. The program was created to stimulate innovative research and development by reaching out to a broader developer base, establish a risk tolerant environment to conduct high technical risk research with correspondingly high potential payoff, and provide continuous access to revolutionary concepts and ideas. Since its inception, more than 1,400 proposals have been submitted to the Director's Innovative Initiative Program and 120 have been selected for funding.

For more information on submitting a proposal visit the Director's Innovative Initiative web page at <http://ec.westfields.net/dii>.