

DOE STATEMENT

“The Department of Energy’s world class National Laboratories have a unique ability to link leaders in America’s scientific and academic communities with the best minds around the world to foster innovation and better understand the world around us. Unfortunately, some foreign government-sponsored talent recruitment programs have taken advantage of America’s openness to collaboration to infiltrate our labs, steal our technology and use our own resources against us. We can no longer allow these programs to operate within our scientific community at the expense of our own national interest. To limit further exploitation of the National Lab system and prevent taxpayer dollars from benefiting foreign competitors, going forward, DOE federal and contractor personnel, including laboratory employees, will be subject to limitations, including prohibitions on their ability to participate in talent recruitment programs sponsored by countries determined sensitive by DOE while maintaining employment within the DOE system.”

DOE Topline Messages

- This policy seeks to cease the influence of foreign talent recruitment programs in the U.S. scientific community, specifically the DOE laboratory complex. This action is being taken to protect U.S. national security interests and scientific integrity.
- This announcement begins the process of limiting these relationships. It mandates that DOE federal and contractor personnel **fully disclose and, as necessary, terminate** affiliations with foreign government-supported talent recruitment programs.