1. The Office of Naval Research (ONR), with the Office of the Secretary of Defense Manufacturing Technology Office, plans to conduct a Proposers’ Day conference on 09 July 2013 to present an upcoming Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) for a Lightweight and Modern Metals Manufacturing Innovation (LM3I) Institute.

2. ONR anticipates issuing the BAA for the LM3I on or around 01 July 2013. At this time a final decision has not been made regarding whether or not the areas of focus/research topics will be the same as those listed in ONR’s Request for Information, 13-RFI-0001, which was posted on Grants.gov and FedBizOpps on 09 May 2013. The primary North American Industrial Classification System (NAICS) code relevant to this project is 541712 - Research and Development in the Physical, Engineering, and Life Sciences (except Biotechnology). The resulting BAA will be provided on Grants.gov and FedBizOpps (www.fbo.gov). Requests for copies of the solicitation package by any other means will not be honored. Interested parties are responsible for monitoring www.grants.gov and/or www.fbo.gov accordingly for updates to or changes in this effort; including but not limited to NAICS code, focus areas, or BAA issuances and/or amendments. NOTE: This announcement does not obligate the Government to issue a BAA and/or formal solicitation package.

3. The purpose of the Proposers’ Day is to familiarize potential proposers with the LM3I Institute concept and the associated technology needs in the areas of Lightweight and Modern Metals Manufacturing Innovation. Interested parties are encouraged to attend, but attendance is not a mandatory pre-requisite for responding to the BAA when issued. Interested parties will be able to register for the Proposers’ Day conference at: http://www.proposersday.org.

This site contains Proposers’ day registration forms for each of the two recently announced DoD Institutes: (1) Digital Manufacturing and Design Innovation (DMDI), and (2) Lightweight and Modern Metals Manufacturing Innovation (LM3I). These institutes will address cross-cutting manufacturing technologies to meet critical national security and energy needs. The DMDI Institute will address the life cycle of digital data interchanged among myriad design, engineering, manufacturing and maintenance systems, and flowing across a networked supply chain. The LM3I Institute will accelerate the introduction and expand the use of more affordable products made with high strength-to-weight alloys that improve performance and reduce energy consumption.

NOTE: The LM3I Proposers’ Day will be in held Falls Church, VA on 09 July 2013. The proposersday.org link will not go live until 14 June 2013. Therefore no registrations can or will occur before that date. This notice is for information and planning purposes but is not all inclusive. The Government intends to include additional details and guidelines related to the conference and conference registration on the actual registration website. Pre-Registration to the conference is required. Walk-ins will not be permitted for security reasons. All expenses...
associated with attendance will be the responsibility of the participant(s). Due to space limitations, registration is limited currently to two (2) representatives from each US-based organization. Attendees from foreign organizations will not be permitted. If requested attendance exceeds the capacity of the conference room, it may be necessary to further limit attendance on a first-come, first-served basis.

Questions/comments for this Proposers’ Day Conference will be accepted via email at william.m.mullins@navy.mil.