



## **NEWS FROM E2I**

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### **E2I Offers Nanotechnology Research Grants**

**Palo Alto, Calif.—April 30, 2004—** The Electricity Innovation Institute (E2I) announced today that it plans to award grants totaling up to \$500,000 this year to academic institutions for research into applications of nanotechnology to the electric power system. E2I, an affiliate of the Electric Power Research Institute, will make the grants through its newly created Innovative Small Grants Program.

“Nanotechnology has the potential to dramatically impact the electric power system of the future,” said T.J. Glauthier, E2I’s president and CEO. “We’re pleased to sponsor a program that will stimulate new discoveries and help connect researchers in the university community with industry leaders who can move these innovations into the marketplace.”

Proposals for grants should examine ways nanotechnology can be used to upgrade our current electric system beyond its present day capabilities. This includes the generation, transmission and distribution of electricity. Possible topic areas include catalysts and membrane materials for fuel cells and photovoltaics, energy storage, CO<sub>2</sub> sequestration, capture of air toxics, remediation of fossil and nuclear waste, development of novel sensors, and high current cables (superconductors or quantum conductors).

E2I will accept submissions from faculty members and research organizations affiliated with academic institutions through June 15, 2004. The maximum grant for a 12-month period will be

\$100,000. At the culmination of the 2004 program E2I will hold a workshop and panel discussion for entrepreneurs, investors, and researchers at its headquarters in Palo Alto, Calif.

For more information about the program and proposal guidelines, visit our web site, [www.e2i.org](http://www.e2i.org).

The **Electricity Innovation Institute's** mission is to stimulate innovation in strategic electricity technologies through public/private partnerships. An EPRI affiliate based in Palo Alto, Calif., E2I's intention is to develop programs with the potential to foster significant development and change in electricity-related technologies to benefit society. Visit E2I at [www.e2i.org](http://www.e2i.org).

**Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI)**, headquartered in Palo Alto, Calif., was established in 1973 as a non-profit center for public interest energy and environmental research. EPRI's collaborative science and technology development program now spans nearly every area of power generation, delivery and use. More than 1,000 energy organizations and public institutions in 40 countries draw on EPRI's global network of technical and business expertise. Visit EPRI at [www.epri.com](http://www.epri.com).

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