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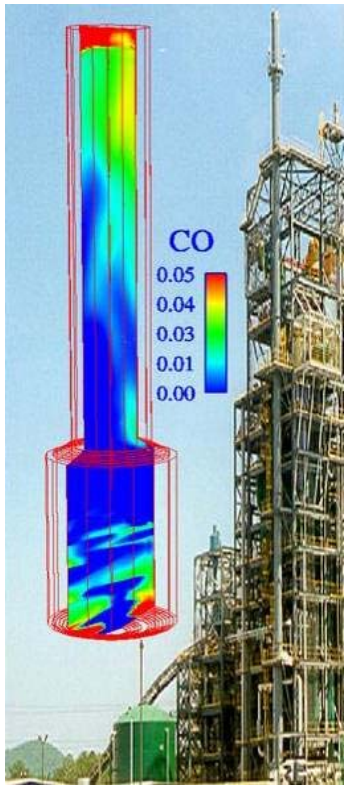

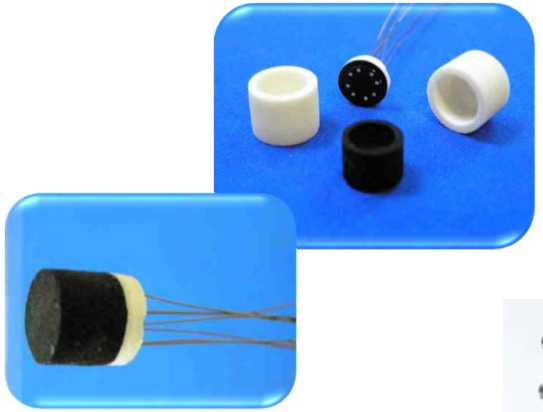

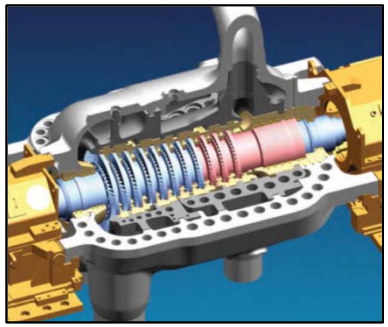

Seminar on NETL's Minority Serving Institutions Program

Doing Business with the Federal Government

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Steps to Apply for NETL Grant

- **Identify opportunity of interest through Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)**
  - Discussed in detail later in presentation
- **Meet registration requirements**
- **Prepare and Submit Application**

Funding Opportunity Announcement (FOA)

- **A publicly available document by which a Federal agency makes known its intentions to award discretionary grants or cooperative agreements, usually as a result of competition for funds.**
  - May be known as program announcements, requests for applications, notices of funding availability, solicitations, or other names depending on the agency and type of program.

Registration/Submission Requirements

- **Obtain a Dun and Bradstreet Data Universal Numbering System (DUNS) number**
- **Register with the System for Award Management (SAM)**
- **Register with Grants.gov**
  - There are 3 steps to this process:
    - The Authorized Organizational Representative (AOR) must register
    - An email is sent to the E-Business (E-Biz) POC listed in SAM. The E-Biz POC must approve the AOR registration using their MPIN from their SAM registration.
    - AOR verifies that registration was completed at:
- **Applicants must register with FedConnect to submit questions. FedConnect website: www.fedconnect.net.**
- **Please allow at least 44 days to complete this process.**

Questions

- **Questions related to the registration process, system requirements or how an application form works must be directed to Grants.gov at 1-800-518-4726 or support@grants.gov**
- **Questions related to the content of the announcement must be submitted to the FedConnect portal.**
  - Must be registered with FedConnect to submit questions and view responses

Application Preparation and Submission

- **Applicants must download application package, forms and instructions at http://www.grants.gov/**
- **Applications must be submitted through Grants.gov.**
  - Must be registered at Grants.gov!
  - Update SAM annually
- **Applications must be submitted through http://www.grants.gov by a qualified HBCU/OMI (Minority Serving Institution) authorized representative.**

Accessing NETL FOAs in FedConnect

In an internet browser, enter the FedConnect URL www.FedConnect.net

On the Main Page, click on Search Public Opportunities and Awards

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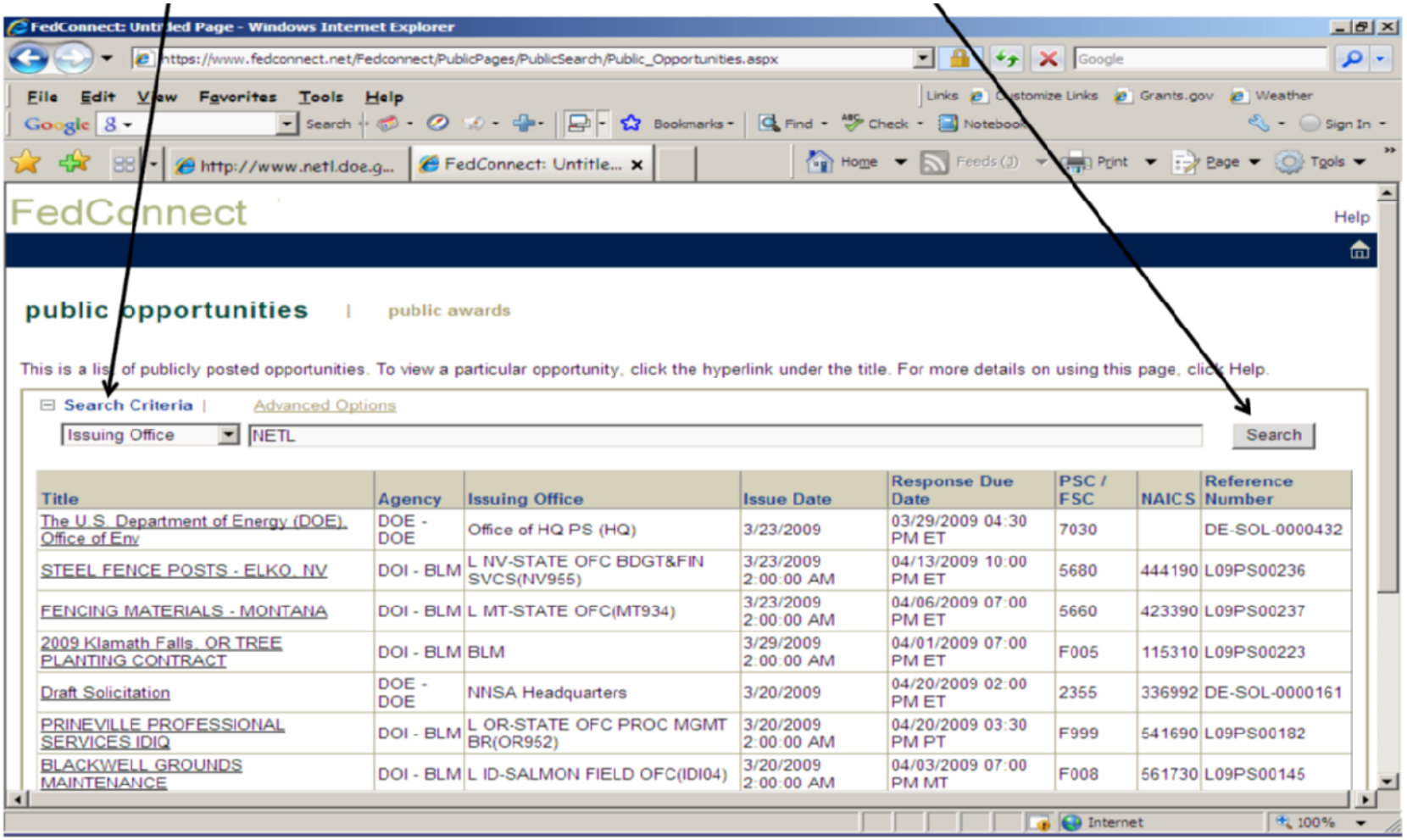
Under Search Criteria, select Issuing Office and type NETL. Click on Search.



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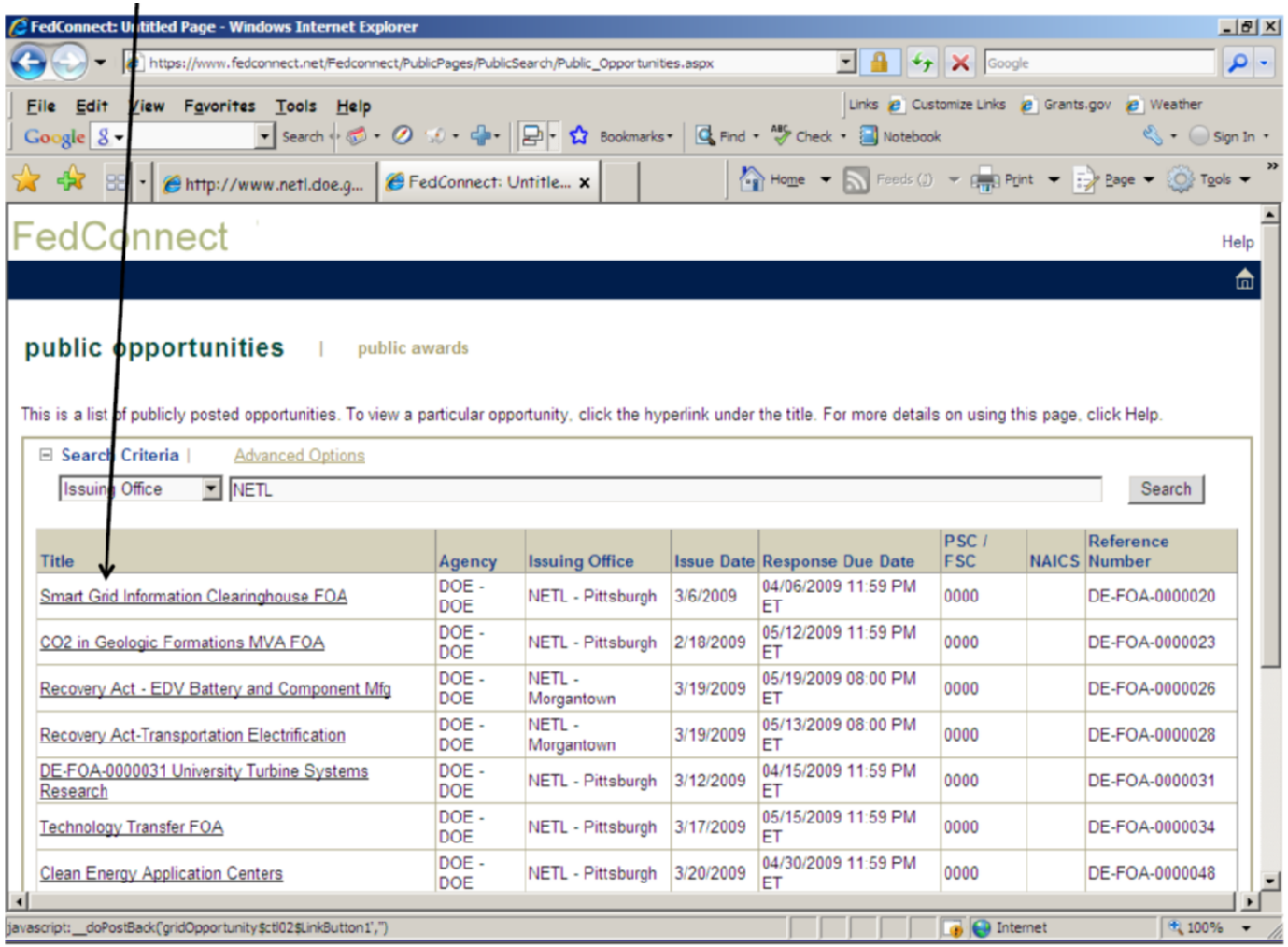

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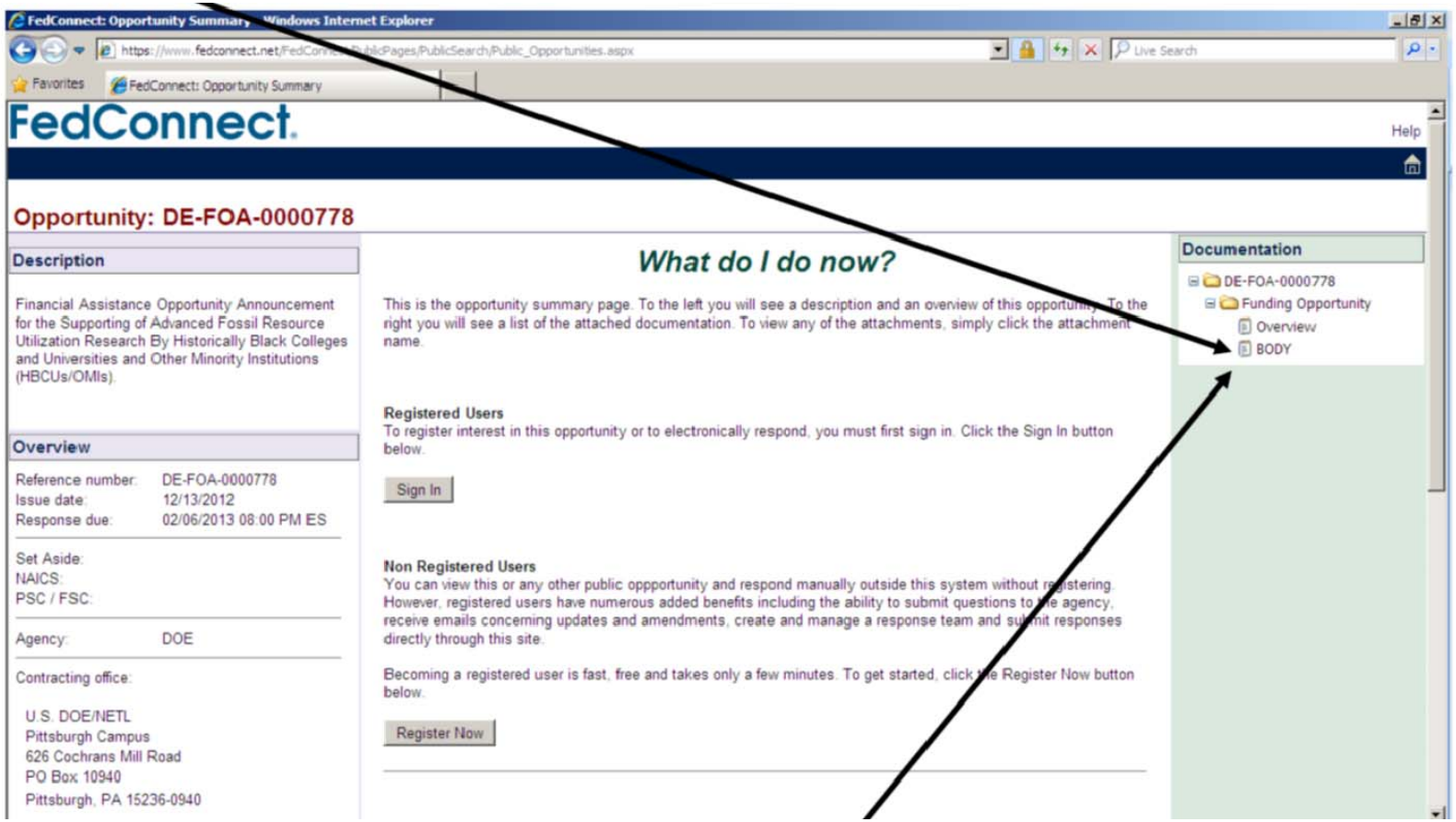
Click on Body under Solicitation to view the FOA instructions



To view Amendments to the FOA, click on Body below original posting

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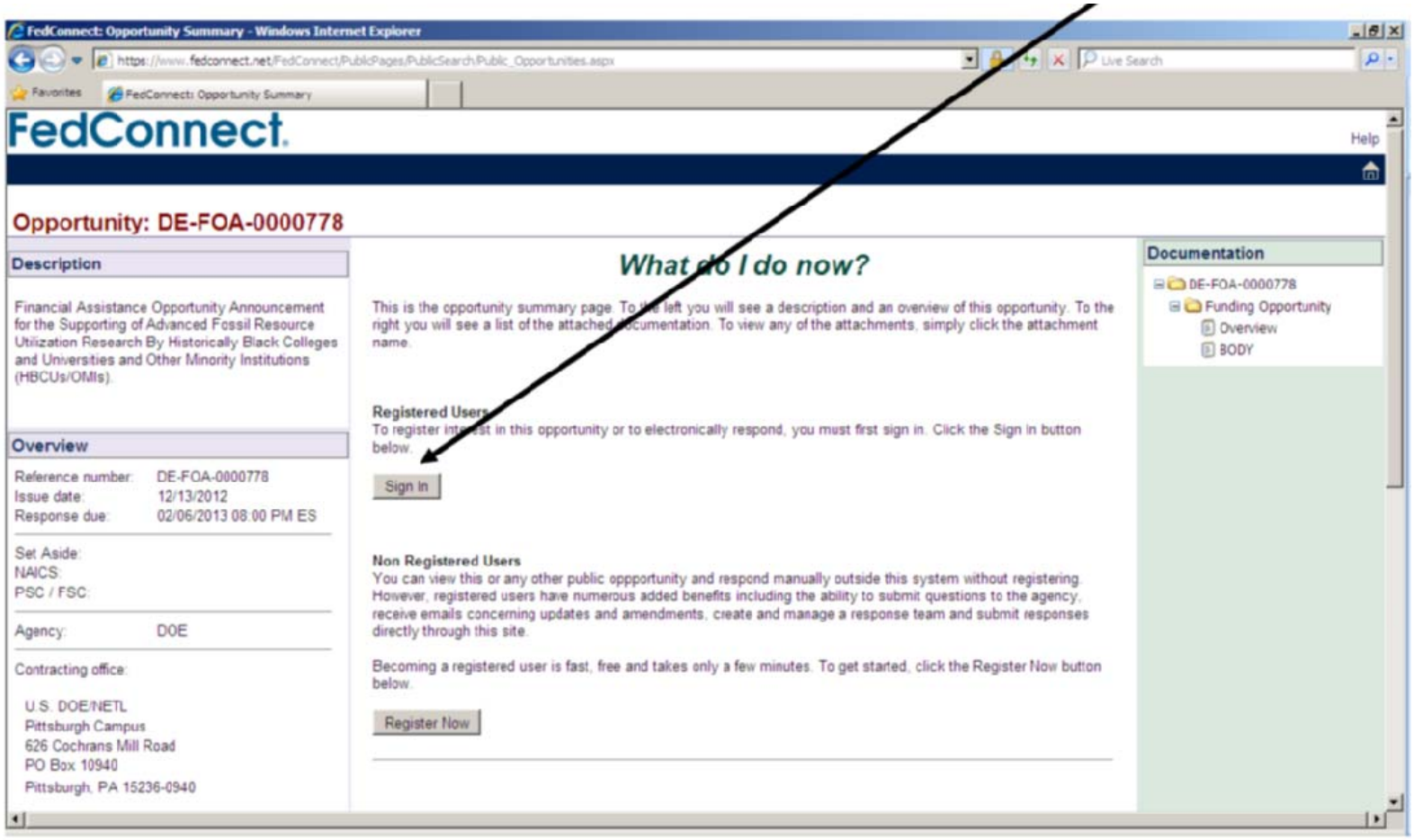
To submit questions about this FOA or submit an application, Registered Users click on Sign In.



Opportunities for Work with NETL

In summary, the NETL Research Program uses the following sites

Fedconnect	https://www.fedconnect.net/FedConnect/
Grants.gov	http://grants.gov/
FedBizOpps	https://www.fbo.gov/

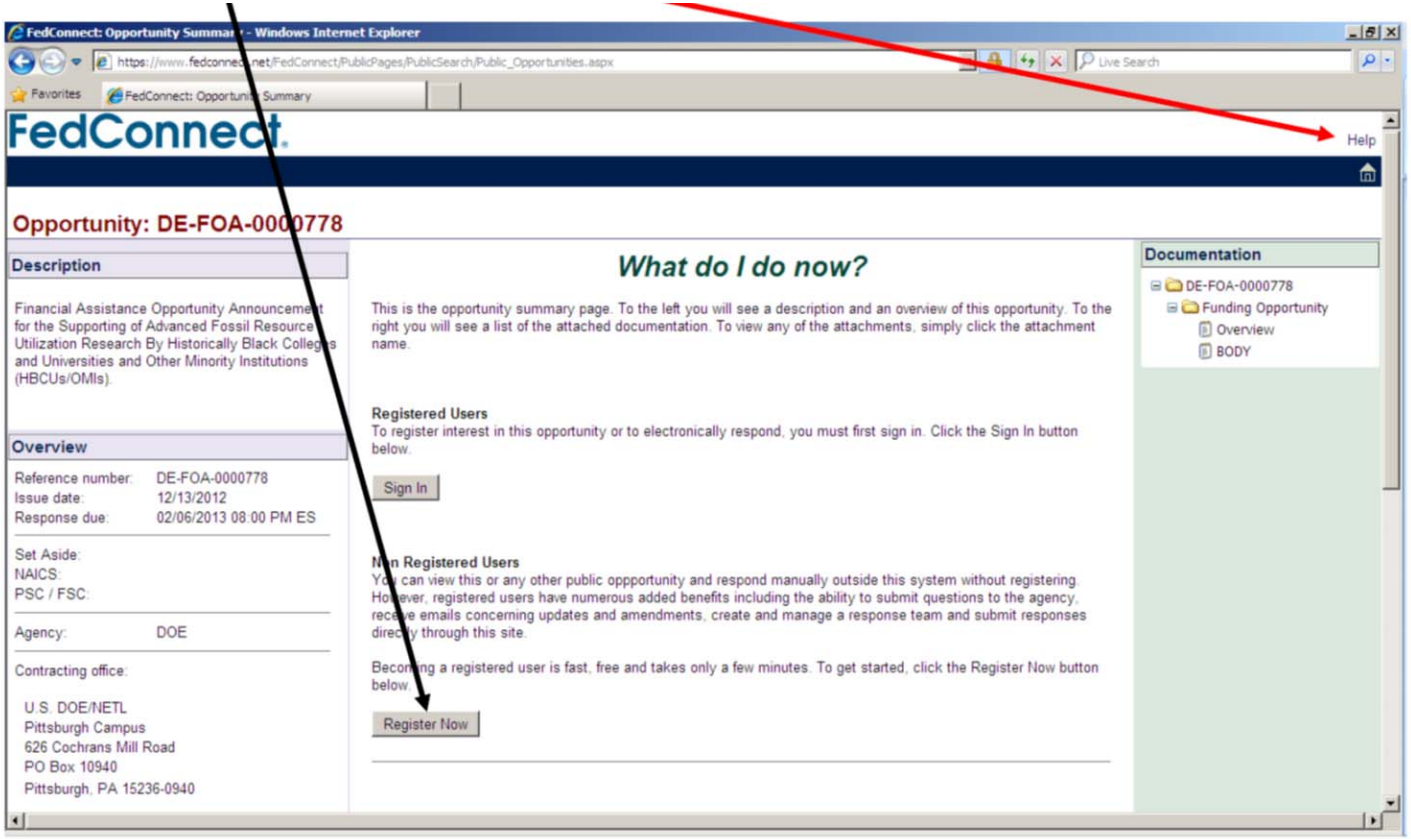
to post solicitations/funding opportunity announcements, receive proposals/applications, and disseminate other information for competitive awards. Entities wishing to participate in these solicitations will need to register at these websites.

Proposals will be accepted only through FedConnect or Grants.Gov which is indicated in the solicitation document. Each website has the ability to send email messages when a new solicitation is posted from NETL.

Additional information can be found at the NETL Business website:

http://www.netl.doe.gov/business/

Accessing NETL FOAs in FedConnect

Click on Register to Receive Notifications to receive agency alerts and view the message center.

Help buttons are available on each page to assist you with functions of FedConnect.