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**Subject:** RE: expression of interest for RFP  
**Date:** Saturday, October 31, 2020 4:00:48 PM  
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Hello –

Here is the same proposal, in the form of a pdf file (attached). Sorry about the duplicates.

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Hello –

We are submitting this “expression of interest” in response to the Request for Faculty Proposals, to support the MINES@150 student signature initiatives. Please let me know if you need any other information.

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