

# EMERGING FRONTIERS IN RESEARCH AND INNOVATION (EFRI)

Every two years, the Emerging Frontiers in Research and Innovation Program (EFRI) invites the research community to submit suggestions for "Topic Ideas" to be considered for the subsequent EFRI Program Solicitation. Selected Topics become the foci of EFRI-supported research. Solicitations are announced annually for research proposals that fall under the specified Topic areas. The process by which topics are selected was designed with the final goal of assuring that the selected topics have the potential to become emerging frontiers that are transformative; attend to a national need or grand challenge; are interdisciplinary, and for which engineering as a discipline can take the leadership. Your individual answers and identity will be kept completely confidential and will only be analyzed in aggregate.

## 1. Suggestions for EFRI Topic Ideas were solicited and vetted in FY12. Did you submit a topic during that year?

- Yes
- No

## \*2. Topic submitters do so by submitting their candidate topic idea along with a one-page description. The process by which topics are selected is transparent and includes external and internal panel expert evaluations. External experts are under a nondisclosure agreement. Please provide your opinion on the following statements.

	Disagree	Tend to Disagree	Tend to Agree	Agree
I believe the format used in the 1-pager to describe the topics is adequate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I believe the mechanism used to solicit the topics is adequate	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I agree with the premise that all topics are confidential, and should not be disclosed to the public	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>
I am satisfied with the EFRI topic submission process	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>	<input type="radio"/>

## 3. In this space, please share positive aspects of the EFRI Topic Submission process that you experienced.

## 4. In this space, please share your thoughts about areas for improvement of the EFRI Topic Submission process:

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**5. Was your topic selected for presentation at NSF?**

Yes

No

**\*6. What is your reaction to the following hypothetical change in the Topic Submission and Selection process: submitted topics are to openly shared by NSF, but maintaining submitter's information confidential.**