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### Funding available for environmental research and development

The Department of Defense, through the Strategic Environmental Research and Development Program (SERDP), will be funding environmental research and development in its core thrust area of Munitions Management. The objective of this effort is to identify, develop, and transition environmental technologies that relate directly to defense mission accomplishment through advanced geophysical sensor and signal processing technologies for the detection, discrimination, and remediation of Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) and technologies for range clearance and reduced generation of UXO. SERDP intends to fund multiple projects within the Munitions Management thrust area involving the following work:

1. Precision geolocation for geophysical mapping of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC) sites: UXO technology;
2. Technologies to eliminate or mitigate future unexploded ordnance (UXO) munitions contamination;
3. Advanced electromagnetic and magnetic sensor development; and
4. Advanced technologies for detection, discrimination, and remediation of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC): UXO technology

Projects will be selected through a competitive selection process. Pre-proposals from the non-federal sector are due by Thursday, January 05, 2006. Proposals from the federal sector are due by Thursday, March 16, 2006. Detailed instructions for federal and private sector proposers are available on the SERDP website: [www.serdp.org/funding/index.cfm](http://www.serdp.org/funding/index.cfm).

SERDP will also be funding environmental research and development through the SERDP Exploratory Development (SEED) program. The SEED program is designed to provide initial funding for high-risk, high payoff projects. For FY07, Munitions Management SEED is focusing on:

1. Wide area assessment for Unexploded Ordnance (UXO) Management on active ranges; and
2. Advanced technologies for detection, discrimination, and remediation of Munitions and Explosives of Concern (MEC): UXO technology,

All SEED proposals are due by Thursday, March 16, 2006. Detailed instructions for both federal and non-federal proposers are available on the SERDP website at [www.serdp.org/funding/index.cfm](http://www.serdp.org/funding/index.cfm).

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In my hand I hold a ball,  
 White and dimpled, rather small.  
 Oh, how bland it does appear  
 This harmless looking little sphere. **"The Ball" knows...**  
 By its size I could not guess  
 The awesome strength it does possess;  
 But since I fell beneath its spell  
 I've wandered through the fires of Hell.  
 My life has not been quite the same  
 Since I chose to play this game.  
 It rules my mind for hours on end.  
 A fortune it has made me spend.  
 It has made me curse and cry.  
 I hate myself and want to die.  
 It promises a thing called "par"  
 If I can hit it straight and far.  
 To master such a tiny ball

Should not be very hard at all.  
 But my desires the ball refuses  
 And does exactly as it chooses.  
 It hooks and slices...dribbles...dies  
 Or disappears before my eyes.  
 Often it will have a whim  
 To hit a tree or take a swim.  
 With miles of grass on which to land  
 It finds a tiny patch of sand,  
 Then has me offering up my soul  
 If it will just drop in the hole.  
 It's made me whimper like a pup,  
 And swear that I will give it up  
 And take to drink to ease my sorrow..  
 But "The Ball" knows...  
 I'll be back...tomorrow  
 [Anonymous golfer-poet]

