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Dear Mesothelioma Investigators,

I am excited to let you know that in 2008, for the first time, mesothelioma will be included as a research priority within the Department of Defense (DOD) Peer Reviewed Medical Research Program. Mesothelioma investigators are now eligible to compete for grants from this \$50 million fund. Grant awards range from **\$625,000 to \$2.5 million**.

The Meso Foundation has been working for several years (with the help of many of you) to obtain this eligibility for mesothelioma. Now it is up to you to apply for these funds. Because military-relevance is a key feature of the award, mesothelioma investigators are particularly well placed to compete for this funding.

By applying, you stand a good chance to gain substantial funding for your critically important meso research. You will also demonstrate the robust interest in and need for mesothelioma research funding and help to ensure the continued eligibility of meso for these DOD funds in following years.

The Meso Foundation recognizes this new funding source as a vital opportunity to advance research and treatment of mesothelioma, and we will work together with the scientific community to take full advantage of it. We have prepared an informational document to answer questions you might have on eligibility, timing and the PRMRP application review process. You may access the program explanation document visiting our website, www.curemeso.org, and clicking on the *New DoD Funding* box on the homepage.

To receive an email notification informing you when specific information pertaining to the 2008 grant cycle is available, send an email to info@curemeso.org. We highly recommend that you use us as a resource to ensure you remain up-to-date on this remarkable opportunity.

To inform others at your institution of this federal funding opportunity we would be grateful if you would forward this email to the individual at your institution that monitors funding opportunities to ensure that the informational document provided is posted on your institutions website.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us. We hope to work together to improve the chances that your mesothelioma research will receive federal funding.

Sincerely,

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