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The next generation neutrinoless double-beta decay experiment nEXO RYAN MACLELLAN, University of South Dakota, NEXO COLLABORATION — The nEXO Collaboration is designing a very large detector for neutrinoless double-beta decay of 136 Xe. The nEXO detector is rooted in the current EXO-200 program, which has reached a sensitivity for the half-life of the decay of 1.9×10^{25} y with an exposure of 100 kg-y. The baseline nEXO design assumes 5 tonnes of liquid xenon, enriched in the mass 136 isotope, within a time projection chamber. The detector is being designed to reach a half-life sensitivity of $> 5 \times 10^{27}$ y, covering the inverted neutrino mass hierarchy, with 5 years of data. We present the nEXO detector design, the current status of R&D efforts, and the physics case for the experiment.

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