2017 Stimulus Research Program

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Stimulus Research Program Objectives

Fund projects with **strong scientific bases** to solve complex problems through collaboration

✓**Increase the research capacity** of investigators and their institutions

✓**Increase research collaboration** and inclusion among colleges and universities

✓Position collaborative teams to **pursue large-scale national funding** for research

Proposing Teams

✓ **Must be a collaboration of two SC CRUs and two PUIs including HBCUs**

✓ **Must demonstrate potential to attract major research funding to SC**

SC EPSCoR/IDeA Program will facilitate collaboration team meetings for team building upon request

Award Information

- ✓ **Estimated Number of Awards – 4**

- ✓ **Award Duration – 2 Years**

- ✓ **Total Anticipated Funding Amount - $1,200,000**

- ✓ **Maximum Funding Amount Per Award - $300,000**

Eligibility and Deadlines

✓ **The Lead PI must be a faculty member from any of South Carolina colleges and universities**

✓ **A PI can only serve on one proposal**

✓ **Letter of Intent Due – Monday, May 15, 2017**

✓ **Full Proposal Due – Friday, September 1, 2017**

Letter of Intent (LOI)

The LOI will help SC EPSCoR/IDeA office plan its activities and identify potential external reviewers

- ✓ A LOI is **required to compete**

- ✓ Must be **submitted by the PI** who plans to lead the research effort

- ✓ **No LOI means proposals will not be considered** or reviewed

- ✓ LOI is **not binding** to the PI

Full Proposal Content

1. **Cover Sheet**

2. **Project Summary**

3. **List of Collaborators**

4. **Project Description**

5. **Collaboration, Inclusion, Mentoring, and Sustainability Plan**

6. **Plans to Increase Research Capabilities and Competitiveness**

Full Proposal Content

7. **References Cited**

8. **Biographical Sketches**

9. **Budget and Budget Justification**

10. **Cost-Share Letter of Commitment**

11. **Facilities, Equipment, and Other Resources**

Project Description

- ✓ **Objectives of the proposed work and relevance**

- ✓ **Prior relevant research including research conducted by team members**

- ✓ **General research plan of work**

- ✓ **Use of human subjects (if applicable)**

- ✓ **Use of vertebrate animals (if applicable)**

Collaboration, Inclusion, Mentoring and Sustainability Plan

- ✓ **How will the proposed partnerships and collaborations lead to achieving project goals?**

- ✓ **What is the strategy to include opportunities for early career faculty and students?**

- ✓ **What is the strategy to expand diversity?**

- ✓ **What is the plan for data management and sharing of products of research?**

- ✓ **What is the plan to evaluate progress?**

Plan to Increase Research Capabilities and Competitiveness

- ✓ **What is the plan to increase research capabilities and competitiveness of institutions and individuals involved?**

- ✓ **What are the targets and opportunities for future center and large-scale funding?**

- ✓ **What is the plan to submit research proposals to funding agencies?**

Cost-Share Requirement

✓ **A commitment of at least 15% release time for the lead PI for the duration of the project is required for Project Management**

✓ **A letter of commitment from the PI's institution is required**

✓ **Letter should clearly identify the responsibilities from which the PI will be released from**

Budget

✓ **Not to exceed $300,000 ($150,000 per year)**

✓ **Cost-share is required**

✓ **Indirect costs are not allowed**

Budget

- ✓ **Salaries and Fringe Benefits (****not to exceed 30%** of **requested funds per project year)**

- ✓ **Materials and Supplies**

- ✓ **Domestic Travel Support**

- ✓ **Publication Costs**

- ✓ **Animal Costs**

- ✓ **Human Subjects' Incentives**

Proposal Review Process

Proposals will be evaluated by external reviewers

✓ **Significance, scientific and technical merit, and potential impact of the research**

✓ **Clear, concise description of the opportunity to SC and the need for funding to enable the team to compete for long-term/center-type funding**

✓ **Plan of activities that are clearly tied to objectives**

Proposal Review Process

- ✓ **Potential for broader impacts and the increase of diversity**

- ✓ **Potential for success to attract centers/large-scale grants**

- ✓ **Reasonableness of budget request and explanation**

- ✓ **The Lead PI and research team will be required to present to the External Review Panel**

- ✓ **Recommendations by the external reviewers will be used to make awards**

Award and Reporting Requirements

- ✓ **PIs will receive notice of award/declination via email**

- ✓ **Award will be made to the Lead PI's institution or organization**

- ✓ **Research teams will be required to attend and present research progress at SC EPSCoR/IDeA State Conferences**

Award and Reporting Requirements

- ✓ **Publications** resulting from SRP must include an **acknowledgement** of the support and a **disclaimer**.

- ✓ **Progress reports are due every six months**

- ✓ **SC EPSCoR/IDeA** reserves the right to conduct **site visits** during the project period for evaluation and reporting purposes

- ✓ A **final report will be due no later than 60 days** after the end of the award

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