Preliminary Notice: DEPSCoR Pre-Proposals

The Department of Defense Announcement for the FY 2007 Department of Defense Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (DEPSCoR) is expected to be announced shortly.

Eligible NSF EPSCoR State Committees may submit a proposal package containing up to five (5) separately fundable proposals requesting support from DoD for a 36-month period. Within the state proposal package, all proposals must request a minimum of $350,000. To maximize the DEPSCoR program objectives, all DEPSCoR awards require a minimum non-federal cost sharing or matching of one-to-two (i.e., at least one dollar from State, institutional, and/or private sector sources to match each two dollars of DEPSCoR support being provided). Matching funds may support items such as salaries, indirect costs, operating expenses, or new equipment.

In order to establish which proposals are to be submitted from Vermont, interested parties should submit for review a five page pre-proposal (exclusive of references), short vitae and a budget. The budget must be reviewed by O.S.P. and a budget sheet attached, before submission and the matching funds identified.

Dates & Guidelines for Vermont submission:

1. Intent to submit email must be received by Friday, August 25, 2006. Indicate the name(s) of the PI(s) and tentative project title in your email. Send to epscor@uvm.edu by 4:00 p.m.

2. Pre-proposals (ten, one-sided copies plus original, one sided, not stapled) are due in the EPSCoR Office by 4:00 p.m. on or before Monday, September 11, 2006.

3. Full proposals, which are selected to move forward, will be due in the EPSCoR Office by a target date of October 23, 2006. This date is subject to modification once the full BAA is made available.

Additional points which need to be addressed include:

- A DoD Program Officer who has expressed interest in your proposal needs to be established. An email (or letter) from the DoD Program Officer must accompany the pre-proposal. DoD programs and Program Officers are available at the following sites:

  U.S. Army Research Office:
  http://www.aro.army.mil
  The help line is available at 919-549-4375

  Office of Naval Research:
  http://www.onr.navy.mil (select "Science and Technology")

  Air Force Office of Scientific Research:
  http://www.afosr.af.mil (select "Research Opportunities")

- For proposals requesting significantly more than $350K, it is advisable that these are multiple (2 or more) investigator projects.

- Candidates who will be submitting a renewal of a current DEPSCoR award will also be required to concomitantly submit one directly to the agency in question.

Interested parties with questions may contact the Vermont EPSCoR office at epscor@uvm.edu