REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS
PILOT PROJECT AWARDS FOR FACULTY 2013-2014
RESEARCH ON ADAPTATION TO CLIMATE CHANGE IN THE LAKE CHAMPLAIN BASIN: NEW UNDERSTANDING THROUGH COMPLEX SYSTEMS MODELING

APPLICATION DUE BY WEB SUBMISSION ON JUNE 3, 2013 BY 4:00 P.M.
WEB SUBMISSION AVAILABLE ON DECEMBER 12, 2012

Vermont EPSCoR (Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research) requests proposals for pilot projects that are aligned with the current VT EPSCoR RII Track-1 grant, Research on Adaptation to Climate Change in the Lake Champlain Basin (RACC), with an emphasis on insights through complex systems computation.

Program Overview:

We seek proposals for research that is complementary to our RACC research, and especially welcome proposals from faculty outside UVM.

- Applications must be submitted on our application website, which you can access beginning December 12, 2012, at http://www.uvm.edu/EPSCoR.
- Web application deadline is June 3, 2013.
- The maximum amount of each Pilot Project grant is $10,000.
- Funding may not be used to support Masters students’ salaries.

Period of Support:

The period of support for this round of competition is September 1, 2013 – July 31, 2014.

Eligibility Requirements:

Full time, tenure track (or equivalent) faculty at any institution in the state is eligible to apply.

Funding Obligations:

- Attendance is expected at the VT EPSCoR annual meeting, where you should present your work, however preliminary, in a poster or talk.
Proposal Content:

Proposals should include the following components:

- Abstract (1 page maximum)
- Brief description of your project in non-technical language (1-2 sentences)
- Budget and Justification (2 page maximum)
  - Appropriate budget line items include, but are not limited to, graduate student support (excluding Masters students), summer salary, software, equipment, and travel to assist in collaborations.
- Sustainability Plan for data models created and shared
- Research Plan (not to exceed components listed below)
  A. Specific Aims (1 page maximum)
  B. Background and Significance (1-2 pages)
  C. Preliminary Studies (substantial preliminary data not required, but helpful) (1-2 pages)
  D. Research Design and Methods (2-3 pages)
  E. Literature Cited (extra pages as needed)
- Curriculum Vitae (2 pages)
- Current and Pending Funding

Evaluation Criteria:

A panel of faculty will review the proposals. Criteria include:

- Intellectual merit of research plan
- Synergy with RACC research objectives
- Broader impacts of project on education or society
- Appropriate use of budgetary resources

Submission Process:

Web-based submissions are the only acceptable form of submission. Beginning December 12, 2012, you can access the application on the VT EPSCoR website at http://www.uvm.edu/EPSCoR. You are encouraged to submit early to avoid any potential submission complications.

Your application must be submitted using the VT EPSCoR website by 4:00 p.m. on June 3, 2013.

Questions?

Email epscor@uvm.edu or phone (802) 656-7931

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