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Colleagues:

A quick follow-up to my last EPSCoR "chat". On a very short fuse, the attached file contains information about an opportunity to apply to DoD under a special EPSCoR announcement. Please note that prior discussion with a program manager at DoD is required. Pre-proposals are due 9/24 and final proposals, if encouraged by the statewide committee, by 10/29.

As the EPSCoR program gets its feet on the ground, future announcements will arrive with more lead time. DoD actually delayed the release of this years BAA so as to allow NH to participate.

Let me know if we can help

John

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September 8, 2004

Heads up, DEPSCoR  
If Interested, Response Due September 24.

Dear Colleagues,

On August 15, 2004, New Hampshire officially became a National Science Foundation (NSF) EPSCoR state. (EPSCoR is the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research. Details about this exciting opportunity for New Hampshire can be found at <http://www.epscor.unh.edu/>)

EPSCoR status opens the door to similar programs supported by the US Department of Defense, among others. DOD's program, called DEPSCoR, operates under an annual Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) which is anticipated momentarily. The BAA was delayed so that New Hampshire's recent EPSCoR status designation could be incorporated. Last year's BAA and program descriptions for the Navy can be viewed at <http://www.onr.navy.mil> ; for the Air Force at <http://www.afosr.af.mil> ; and for the Army at <http://www.aro.army.mil>.

## **DEPSCoR basic requirements include the following:**

- Up to **5 proposals** per state per year may be submitted.
- The state's **proposals must be approved** and submitted through the State-wide EPSCoR Committee.
- The **minimum federal dollars requested** per proposal is \$350,000. (DEPSCoR rarely funds anything over \$700,000.)
- There is a **2:1 match requirement**. (If requesting \$350K, the proposal must pledge \$175K in non-federal cash and/or in-kind from the submitting institution.)
- Proposals must address the state's technology needs and DOD technical interest areas.

DEPSCoR's FY05 deadline for full proposals is expected to be October 29, 2004, thus the timeframe to develop proposals is short, especially as the EPSCoR State-wide Committee is just

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forming and has not developed review criteria to select 5 proposals. Nevertheless, the Committee wishes to assist those already positioned to take advantage of this year's competition.

If interested in participating, potential investigators should first contact program managers in the DOD system in their areas of interest, as prior approval to submit is required. If this requirement is met, pre-proposals should be sent to the EPSCoR State-wide Committee in care of Dr. John Aber at [john.aber@unh.edu](mailto:john.aber@unh.edu) by 9/24/04. Each pre-proposal should follow these guidelines:

- Title page listing Project Director and Co-Directors by name, title, institutional affiliation; Contact information for DoD program director who has encouraged PI to submit proposal (agency, name, phone, e-mail); total project amount requested, delineated by DoD funds and match.
- A 1-page summary for the non-technical reader.
- Pre-proposals should be no longer than 5 pages (font size no smaller than 11 point, 1 inch margins.) This includes the project description.
- The pre-proposal should be written such that a technically competent non-expert can review the proposal.
- Include references (not counted towards the 5 pages).
- Include current and pending support for key personnel.
- Include a 1-2 page CV for each key person.
- Submit a budget showing costs for each proposed year plus total budget for
  - Personnel
  - Equipment
  - Supplies
  - Your institution's indirect costs
- Provide a budget justification for both federal and matching funds. Indicate sources for matching funds. (Consult the BAA for allowable match categories.)
- Submit the pre-proposal as a Word document and the budget as an EXCEL document (or PDF files) as e-mail attachments to [john.aber@unh.edu](mailto:john.aber@unh.edu).

If you have any questions, please e-mail Lynnette Hentges at [lynnette.hentges@unh.edu](mailto:lynnette.hentges@unh.edu).

The Committee expects to notify those selected to write full proposals no later than October 8. Full proposals will be due to be submitted to the Committee by October 25. The Committee reserves the option to edit or decline to submit to DEPSCoR any and all full proposals.

Sincerely yours,

John Aber

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