REQUEST FOR RESEARCH EQUIPMENT PROPOSALS

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DEADLINE: NOON, January 7, 2016

TO: Faculty in the Sciences, Engineering, and Mathematics
FROM: Grant McGimpsey, Vice President for Research & Economic Development
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The Office of the Vice President for Research and Economic Development and ND EPSCoR—UND Campus, invite tenure/tenure-track faculty in sciences, engineering, and mathematics who have received funding from ND EPSCoR in the last five (5) years, to submit a Research Equipment proposal.

The goal of this program is to provide researchers with essential equipment they need to complete crucial experiments that will enable submissions of proposals for external support. Since this funding is provided by the NSF, only NSF-relevant research can be supported. There will be up to three Equipment grants made (up to $50,000 each) for major equipment. Supporting funding is encouraged, and will enhance the competitiveness of a proposal, but is not required. Proposals for resources other than major equipment should be made in response to the Research Infrastructure Improvement RFP.

Proposals are due in the ND EPSCoR Office PRIOR to NOON, January 7, 2016. Awards will be announced on or about February 1, 2016. Equipment purchased through this program must be received PRIOR to JUNE 1, 2016. Encumbered funds will revert to ND EPSCoR after this date with the PI responsible for return shipping and restocking fees for all equipment received on this date or later.

Primary evaluation criteria:
1. Potential for submitting competitive research proposals to the NSF or other agencies supporting NSF-relevant research within or shortly after the award period.
2. Transformative nature of the proposal.
3. Scientific and technical merits of the proposed research. Plan for the care/maintenance of the equipment.
4. Impact on the university infrastructure, including managing shared use.
5. Potential to contribute to the education and training of students and/or post-docs.

Check List Requirements.
Proposal Electronic Copy: Send complete proposal, as a single PDF file, to cathy.lerud@research.und.edu
Proposals that do not comply with the checklist will be returned without review.

Submit in the Following Order:
- ND EPSCoR Cover page—Available from Cathy Lerud.
- Executive Summary—Distinct from the project description. One page limit.
- Project Narrative—Describe the importance of the equipment to the proposed research. The piece of equipment must be valued at a minimum of $5K and would be included in university inventory. Project narrative page limit is eight (8) double-spaced pages with no less than 10 point font and margins one inch or larger. References are included in page limit, but may be single-spaced.
- Vendor Quotes—Vendors must guarantee shipment and invoicing to meet the award schedule in this call. Purchases require quotes, bids, and/or approved sole source through established purchasing process. Due to the compressed time schedule, please contact purchasing immediately with specifications and prospective vendors. Attach to your proposal the results from UND Purchasing.
- CV—NSF style. Two page limit.
- NSF-style Current and Pending Support form.
- NSF-style Budget Sheet (available from Cathy Lerud) and one-page narrative budget justification.
- A list of federal funding agencies and programs to which proposals will be submitted as a result of this support.

Please direct questions to Dr. Mark R. Hoffmann at 701.772.2492 or mark.hoffmann@email.und.edu
For information about ND EPSCoR and other funding opportunities, please visit the website at www.ndepscor.nodak.edu