We expect a call for new proposals to the NASA FY2015 EPSCoR Research Competition imminently, and expect it will be very similar to last year’s call. The expected level of funding is $750K, or $250K/year for three years plus 1:1 state match. In addition to first class research, the proposal should emphasize attention to the specific priorities of NASA EPSCoR 2015.

Because the University can only submit one proposal in response to this solicitation, we will utilize the following procedures for the internal call for Notices of Intent (NOI) to select the one proposal that can be submitted on behalf of the University. Please note that cost-shared matching funds of at least 1:1 with non-federal monies are required by NASA. In-kind cost-sharing is allowable.

The due date for the full UAH proposal to the Alabama Space Grant Office is 16 January 2015. The UAH Internal Selection Procedure will follow the guidelines of the FY2014 CAN to allow PIs the maximum time to develop the internal NOI.

The FY2014 CAN (NNH14ZHA001C) is available online:


Selection Process:
The University is limited to the submittal of one proposal. Therefore, should more than one NOI be received by the deadline of COB 8 December 2014, the Office of The Vice President for Research will implement a review of the NOI submissions, and one applicant will be selected to submit a full proposal to NASA representing the University. The OVPR intends to make this selection as soon as possible.

Internal NOI Due Date: 8 December 2014, 5:00 p.m. CDT

Submission Method: A single PDF electronic file emailed to Felecia Troupe at:
Felecia.troupe@uah.edu

Applications received after 5:00 p.m. on 8 December 2014 will be returned without review.

NOI Format and Content:
Proposal pages should have at least 1” margins all around, and use no smaller than an 11-point font for the text. Tables and figures are exempt from the 11-point requirement, but must be clearly legible.

NOI Contents:
1. Cover Page:
   a. Include “NASA FY2015 CAN EPSCoR.”
   b. Project title and one-paragraph summary.
   c. Total estimated budget (including cost-sharing)
d. Names, departments/centers, campus address and email address for each PI, Co-I, and key personnel proposed.

2. Project Description\(^1\): (Limit: 8 pages, double-spaced) Please include in this section the following information, each in its own subsection with the following headings:
   a. Proposed Research
   b. Existing Research
   c. Relevance to NASA and Jurisdiction
   d. Partnerships/Sustainability
   e. NASA Interactions
   f. Diversity Plan
   g. Research Project Management Plan
   h. Benefits to UAHuntsville

3. One to two-page bio for each PI, Co-I and key personnel proposed.

Questions about the internal NOI preparation or process should be directed to your OSP Contract Administrator.

If your proposal is selected, please be sure to refer to the latest CAN for guidelines to write the full proposal. Also, in developing your NOI, it might be helpful for you to review the purpose of the program, excerpted below from the 2014 CAN:

1.2 EPSCoR Background

The goal of NASA EPSCoR is to provide seed funding that will enable jurisdictions to develop an academic research enterprise directed toward long-term, self-sustaining, nationally-competitive capabilities in aerospace and aerospace-related research. This capability will, in turn, contribute to the jurisdiction's economic viability and expand the nation's base for aerospace research and development. Since its inception, NASA EPSCoR has been closely linked to the National Space Grant College and Fellowship Program (Space Grant).

Based on the availability of funding, NASA will continue to help jurisdictions achieve these goals through NASA EPSCoR. Funded jurisdictions will be selected through a merit-based, peer-review competition.

The following are the specific objectives of NASA EPSCoR:

- Contribute to and promote the development of research capability in NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions in areas of strategic importance to the NASA mission;
- Improve the capabilities of the NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions to gain support from sources outside the NASA EPSCoR program;
- Develop partnerships among NASA research assets, academic institutions, and industry;
- Contribute to the overall research infrastructure, science and technology capabilities, higher education, and economic development of the jurisdiction; and
- Work in close coordination with the Space Grant consortium in the jurisdiction to improve the environment for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

\(^1\) See pages 22-26 (Section 8) of FY14 NASA CAN EPSCoR NNH14ZHA001C for description of NASA evaluation criteria.