We expect a call for new proposals to the NASA FY2013 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 50% state match. In addition to first class research, the proposal should emphasis attention to the specific objectives of NASA EPSCoR.

The anticipated due date for a full proposal to NASA is TBD. A Letter of Intent to propose will be required by NASA. This Internal Selection Procedure will follow the guidelines of the FY2012 CAN to allow PI the maximum time to develop the internal NOI. The FY2012 CAN (NNH12ZHA002C) is available at:


Because the University can only submit two proposals in response to this solicitation, we will utilize the following procedures for the internal call for Notice of Intent (NOI) process to select the proposals that will be submitted on behalf of the University. Please note that cost-shared matching funds of at least 50% with non-federal monies are required by NASA. In-kind cost-sharing is allowable.

Selection Process:
The University is limited to the submittal of two proposals. Therefore, should more than two NOIs be received by the deadline of 1 February 2013, the Office of The Vice President for Research will implement a review of the NOI submissions, and two applicants will be selected to submit a full proposal to NASA representing the University. The OVPR intends to make this selection by as soon as possible.

Internal NOI Due Date: 1 February 2013, 5:00 p.m. CST

Submission Method: A single PDF electronic file emailed to Susan Phelan at susan.phelan@uah.edu.

Applications received after 5:00 p.m on 1 February 2013 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 FY2013 CAN EPSCoR.”
   b. Project title and one-paragraph summary.
   c. Total estimated budget (including cost-sharing)

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1 See Section 1.2 (p.6) of FY12 NASA CAN EPSCoR NNH12ZHA002C for specific NASA EPSCoR objectives.
d. Names, departments/centers, campus address and email address for each PI, Co-I, and key personnel proposed.

2. Project Description\textsuperscript{2}: (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 2012 CAN:

1.2 EPSCoR Background

Public Law 102-588, passed in 1992, authorized NASA to initiate NASA EPSCoR to strengthen the research capability of jurisdictions that have not in the past participated equably in competitive aerospace research activities. 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.

\textsuperscript{2} See pages 20-23 (Section 8) of FY12 NASA CAN EPSCoR NNH12ZHA002C for description of NASA evaluation criteria.