We expect a call for Research and RID (Seed Grant) proposals to the NASA FY2012 EPSCoR Research Competition imminently, and have been told that the solicitations are “similar” to previous solicitations. The expected level of funding is $750K, or $250K/year for three years. In addition to first class research, the proposal should emphasis developing Alabama's competitive position in some way.

The anticipated due date for a full proposal to NASA is the first week of May 2012. A Letter of Intent to propose, required by NASA, is anticipated in the third week of March 2012. This Internal Selection Procedure will follow the guidelines of the FY2011 CAN to allow PIs the maximum time to develop the internal NOI. The FY2011 CAN (NNH11ZHA003C) is available at: http://nspires.nasaprs.com/external/solicitations/summary.do?method=init&solId={8E5145AE-B624-1BB5-7FA6-E306B6609E66}&path=open

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 5 March 2012, 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 12 March 2012.

Internal NOI Due Date: 5 March 2012, 5:00 PM CST, to your OSP Contract Administrator

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.

Number of copies: Original and 5 copies
NOI Contents:

1. Cover Page:
   a. Include “NASA FY2012 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. Include a signed letter from the fiscally responsible organization, acknowledging the cost sharing of at least 50% of the total eligible project costs. If cost-sharing is being accomplished through multiple sources, please have a signed letter from each fiscally responsible organization.

3. 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

4. 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.

\(^1\) See pages 21-24 (Section VIII) of FY11 NASA CAN EPSCoR Agreement for description of these subsections