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To: Directors, Offices of Research

From: Carrie Robison, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration 

- RE: 1. Out-of-State Consultants' Reports and Funding Recommendations for Proposals Submitted under Board of Regents Support Fund Competitive Programs, FY 2011-12
2. **MAY 1, 2012 DEADLINE** for Campus Responses to Funding Stipulations Contained in Consultants' Reports

**FY 2011-12 BoRSF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS**

The fourteen (14) reports from out-of-state consultants which recommend funding for proposals submitted in FY 2011-12 under Board of Regents Support Fund competitive programs are now posted on the website of the Office of Sponsored Programs, <http://web.laregents.org>. The Board is expected to act on these recommendations, as well as on campus requests for matching funds to endow non-competitive professorships and first-generation undergraduate scholarships, at its meeting of April 25, 2012.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: ACTION BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS IS REQUIRED BEFORE FUNDING IS ASSURED FOR ANY OF THE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED IN THE FOLLOWING REPORTS.**

**ENDOWED CHAIRS PROGRAM:**

Report 1

**RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:**

Report 2 Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS)

Report 3 Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)

Report 4 Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram (ATLAS)

**ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:**

Report 5 Undergraduate Enhancement Program

Report 6 Traditional Enhancement Program: Multidisciplinary

Report 7 Traditional Enhancement Program: Biological Sciences

Report 8 Traditional Enhancement Program: Computer and Information Sciences

Report 9 Traditional Enhancement Program: Engineering B

Report 10 Traditional Enhancement Program: Humanities

Report 11 Traditional Enhancement Program: Social Sciences

Report 12 Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions

**GRADUATE FELLOWS:**

Report 13      Traditional Graduate Fellows and Graduate Fellowships for Teachers Programs  
 Report 14      BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program

The most recent estimate issued by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) projected the amount of money available in FY 2011-12 for higher education's portion of the Support Fund to be \$25.8 million. This projection affirms previous guidance and projections used to derive the approved FY 2011-12 BoRSF Plan and Budget. Sponsored Programs' assumption of this funding level is reflected in the explanations and estimates that follow. If revenue projections are reduced, the estimates contained herein are subject to revision.

Though the precise amount of money available for Support Fund programs is not yet known, the total maximum amounts of FY 2011-12 monies recommended and/or expected to be available for expenditure for the first year of new projects are anticipated to enable funding of most proposals rated Priority I in competitive BoRSF programs. Rank orders recommended for funding in each of the following reports are:

<b>REPORT</b>	<b>FIRST-YEAR FUNDING RECOMMENDED</b>	<b>RANKS RECOMMENDED</b>
Endowed Chairs	\$3,200,000	1-4 and Restricted Bequest (TUHSC)
Industrial Ties Research	\$ 559,500	1-8
Research Competitiveness	\$1,243,939	1-30
Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars	\$ 485,472	1-11
Undergraduate Enhancement	\$1,602,216	1-32
Traditional Enhancement: Multidisciplinary	\$ 485,235	1-8
Traditional Enhancement: Biological Sciences	\$ 433,850	1-6
Traditional Enhancement: Computer and Information Sciences	\$ 319,842	1-6
Traditional Enhancement: Engineering B	\$ 596,616	1-7
Traditional Enhancement: Humanities	\$ 182,435	1-4
Traditional Enhancement: Social Sciences	\$ 396,385	1-5
Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions	\$1,071,445	1-16
Traditional Graduate Fellows	\$ 832,500	1-20
BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity	\$ 250,000	1-5

It is not likely that any Priority II projects will be funded this year from Research and Development or Enhancement subprograms (Reports 2-12).

**INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES**

All institutions with proposals recommended for funding must inform the Sponsored Programs Section in writing no later than **4:30 p.m., Tuesday, May 1**, if any of the following conditions apply:

1. Difficulties are foreseen in adjusting to any recommended modifications in funding levels, institutional matching requirements, or other stipulations set forth in these reports;

**NOTE:** If budgets have been reduced with no indication of the manner in which the reduction should/must be accomplished, the principal investigator/project director will be allowed to reduce the budget as he/she deems most appropriate to accomplish the objectives set forth in the proposal as originally submitted.

2. There has been a change in the employment status of any individual listed as a lead principal investigator, or of any other individual named in the application who is critical to the successful completion of the proposal as originally submitted.
3. The same or a very similar project has already been funded or will be funded in the near future from another source; and/or
4. Problems exist or funding stipulations have been recommended that cannot be resolved within the next few weeks, and which, therefore, might preclude the Board's being able to award Support Fund money by June 30, 2012, or at all. Problems of this type include but are not limited to: (a) the institution's inability to fulfill a promised institutional matching commitment as set forth in the proposal; or (b) the Support Fund award being contingent upon the applicant's success in securing additional funding from, for example, a Federal agency or industry.

Institutions with proposals recommended for funding for which none of the preceding conditions apply must also provide written assurance that (a) no problems will exist if the proposal(s) recommended are funded in the manner and at the budgetary levels stipulated by the consultants; and (b) the commitments made by the applicant(s) and the institution, as set forth in the original proposal(s) and/or required in consultants' stipulations, will be met. These responses are also due in writing no later than May 1, 2012.

**We strongly prefer that your office coordinate and submit all responses from your institution.** This enables us to give you the maximum amount of time available to gather and submit your responses and ensures consistency in information transmitted.

All responses must be emailed to Ms. Carrie Robison, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration ([carrie.robison@la.gov](mailto:carrie.robison@la.gov)). If you require other arrangements to submit your response, contact Ms. Robison via email or at (225) 342-4253 x671.

The effective date of contracts for funded projects will be June 1, 2012. Applicants whose projects are funded will be informed as quickly as possible after April 25 of the items required for their contracts.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the consultants' reports, please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

CC: System and Campus Heads