

NASA EPSCoR Request for Preproposals

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the NASA EPSCoR Request for Preproposals as of **January 14, 2013**.

Last Day to Answer Questions: January 14, 2013

Notice of Intent was due: December 12, 2012

Preproposals are due: January 23, 2013

Question:

Where I can find the information regarding “four NASA Mission Directorates and/or the ten NASA field centers”?

Answer:

This information can be found at the NASA website at: <http://www.nasa.gov/about/index.html>

Question:

What is the maximal amount can be funded from this program yearly? Is it \$220,000 + \$250,000 = \$470,000 for a year, with a total period for 3 years?

Answer:

As noted in Section I.D. of the RFP, the maximum annual request is \$220,000 for NASA funds and \$250,000 in Board of Regents Support Funds, for a total of \$470,000 per year for a three-year project.

Question:

Is there any way to get some examples for a good description of the “Project Impact”?

Answer:

The project impact of any proposal will be dependent upon what is proposed. It is suggested that proposers refer to the instructions contained in Section I.C. of the RFP, which state that the project impact section of the proposal body should “*Describe the partnerships and interactions fostered by this project, how the project will enhance diversity, plans for sustaining the research effort beyond the termination of NASA EPSCoR funding, and how project results will be evaluated and disseminated to the wider community.*”

Question:

Page 3 of the announcement contains the following language: “*Science PIs/Institutional PIs who have been successful in the national competition (i.e. were selected by NASA) over the past 5 years (i.e. the FY08, FY09, FY10, FY11 or FY12 competitions) may not propose as leads to this RFP.*” Does being successful mean having received ANY NASA funding or is it limited to EPSCoR support? Does current funding by NASA preclude participation (as Co-PI) in an EPSCoR proposal?

Answer:

This refers to prior competitions in Louisiana for NASA EPSCoR research funding, not for other NASA funding.

Question:

What are the contents for the NOI?

Answer:

Proposers must complete the Notice of Intent form provided with the RFP.

Question:

Are tuition and fringe benefits for graduate assistants allowable costs on NASA EPSCoR proposals?

Answer:

The RFP did not specifically address this; such charges are permitted by NASA but are frowned upon by the BOR. Rather, it would be preferable to put such costs into the institutional match column on the budget.