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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs

FROM: Carrie Robison 
Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration

RE: I. Availability of FY 2013-14 Board of Regents Support Fund Requests for Proposals for:

1. Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement Program
2. Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions
3. Research and Development Program
4. Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Program
5. Graduate Fellows Program
6. BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program

II. Important Deadlines
III. Important Notices

I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2013-14 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

Requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2013-14 are now available on the Sponsored Programs website (<http://web.laregents.org>) for the following Board of Regents Support Fund competitive grants programs: (1) Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement; (2) Enhancement for Two-Year Institutions; (3) Research and Development; (4) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars; (5) Graduate Fellows; and (6) BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity. The Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars RFP will be released at a later date, pending Board consideration of program policy changes. We would appreciate your disseminating this notice as widely as possible on your campus. The Board remains particularly interested in encouraging the development of projects that have statewide implications and benefits.

II. IMPORTANT DEADLINES

A. Deadline for Research & Development (RCS and ITRS) Notices of Intent: Wednesday, September 11, 2013

Applicants who wish to submit proposals under either of the Research and Development Subprograms (Research Competitiveness or Industrial Ties Research) must first submit a notice of intent in accordance with the guidelines in the R&D RFP.

B. Deadline for Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Notices of Intent: Thursday, October 10, 2013

Applicants who wish to submit proposals under the ATLAS Program must first submit a notice of intent in accordance with the guidelines in the ATLAS RFP.

C. Deadline for Asking Questions about these RFPs: Tuesday, October 15, 2013

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 15, 2013 has been established for receipt of questions related to these RFPs. After this date, no further inquiries can be accepted. All questions posed and answers provided by Board staff will be posted on the Sponsored Programs website as soon as possible after the deadline. Operating in this manner ensures that all potential applicants receive the same information.

D. Deadlines for Submission of Full Proposals

October 24, 2013	Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement Programs and Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions
October 31, 2013	Industrial Ties Research Subprogram
November 7, 2013	Research Competitiveness Subprogram
November 14, 2013	Graduate Fellows, Graduate Fellowships for Teachers and BoR/SREB Doctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity Programs
November 21, 2013	Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Program

III. IMPORTANT NOTICES

- A. Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement RFP: Please note that scoring of proposal components for both Primarily Equipment and Primarily Non-Equipment submissions has been adjusted to reflect the growing importance of project evaluation and assessment.

- B. Availability of LOGAN Notice of Intent/Proposal Submission Modules: LOGAN submission modules for all affected programs will be available no later than Monday, August 5, 2013. Potential applicants should consult the appropriate RFP(s) for instructions to access the system.
- C. Graduate Fellows, Research & Development, and Enhancement RFPs: At its May 22, 1997, meeting, the Board of Regents reaffirmed its commitment to the reform of undergraduate education and teacher preparation and encouraged all Support Fund program applicants to consider these priorities as they develop proposals. Board staff will make all external reviewers aware of the Board's commitment to undergraduate reform and teacher preparation. Reviewers will be instructed that, when all else is equal, preference should be given to those proposals which emphasize, in a meaningful manner, reform-based undergraduate education and teacher preparation.
- D. Graduate Fellows RFPs: Relative to the Graduate Fellows Program, the Board would like to emphasize again this year that both the Board of Regents Support Fund Long-Range Strategic Plan for Higher Education, as well as the RFP, establish the eligibility of master's-level degree programs of critical importance to the State's economic development and diversification. Moreover, in January 1993, the Board of Regents established a 20% set-aside program designated the "Board of Regents Support Fund Graduate Fellowships for Teachers" (GFT) Program. This one-year, master's-level fellowship program targets teachers in disciplinary areas important to Louisiana's economic development. Applicants should note, however, that participation in the GFT is limited to mathematics and science disciplines only. Applicants for master's-level awards in either the Traditional Graduate Fellows Program or the GFT Program should keep in mind that the burden of proof is on them to develop a persuasive and compelling case for why their proposals are of critical importance to Louisiana's economic development and diversification.
- E. Research & Development RFP:
1. RCS and ITRS Applicants

All equipment requests under the R&D program must show, on the appropriate budget page(s), a 25% or greater cash match. For RCS proposals, the required equipment match must be provided by the applicant's employing institution.
 2. ITRS Applicants ONLY

At the time of proposal submission, all ITRS applicants are required to have a matching commitment in writing from the private/federal sector for at least the first year of the request. A plan to secure subsequent year matching commitments must be addressed in the budget section of the proposal. Applicants should note that although the exact level of the

commitment is not specified in the RFP, in previous years the Board has adopted the recommendations of the final review panel that very specific matching requirements be made as conditions of funding by the Board.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the RFPs, please call (225) 342-4253 or email staff members as listed below:

Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement:

Ms. Noreen Lackett (noreen.lackett@la.gov) and Mr. Bryan Jones (bryan.jones@la.gov)

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Research and Development (RCS and ITRS):

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Graduate Fellows, BoR/SREB Doctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity, Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars, and ATLAS:

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Your cooperation and assistance in disseminating the information in this memorandum is greatly appreciated. Our staff looks forward to working with you in the upcoming competitive cycle.