

Opportunities for Partnerships in Technology with Industry (OPT-IN)

Review Criteria

Category One

1. What is the scientific and technical merit of the project relative to research in its general field? Are the research plan, timeline, and expected outcomes realistic? Do the qualifications and accomplishments of the investigator(s) suggest high potential for success? **(40%)**
2. Will the project result in a long-term partnership with industry (rather than solving a short-term or one-time problem), that will sustain the project after the funding period has expired? **(40%)**
3. Will the project provide opportunities for student training, workforce development, job creation/retention, increased competitiveness and economic development in Louisiana? **(10%)**
4. How well does the project align with the State's Science and Technology Plan (FIRST Louisiana). The FIRST Louisiana plan is available at: <http://goo.gl/SSo2w7> **(10%)**

Category Two

1. Will the project develop a prototype that can be commercialized? Do the qualifications and accomplishments of the investigator(s) suggest high potential for success? **(60%)**
2. Is there a realistic plan for sustaining the project after the funding period has expired? What is the potential for commercialization or for a spin-off business to be formed? **(20%)**
3. Will the project provide opportunities for student training, workforce development, job creation/retention, increased competitiveness and economic development in Louisiana? **(10%)**
4. How well does the project align with the State's Science and Technology Plan (FIRST Louisiana). The FIRST Louisiana plan is available at : <http://goo.gl/SSo2w7>. **(10%)**