

NASA EPSCoR Request for Preproposals, FY2019

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the NASA EPSCoR Request for Preproposals as of **June 11, 2018**.

Notices of Intent are due: June 11, 2018
Last Day to Answer Questions: June 13, 2018
Preproposals are due: July 23, 2018

Question:

I am new to NASA EPSCOR submission. I am ready to submit my Notice of Intent -- one page. I will have myself as Scientific PI, and some other professors in the project as the sub-awardee.

My question was -- is a budget necessary at this stage?

Also, would you have a *.doc form for Appendix B that we require the NOI format.

Answer:

Thank you for your inquiry for the FY 2019 LA NASA EPSCoR Pre-proposal. A word version of the pre-proposal can be found on the LA NASA EPSCoR website, <http://lanasaepscor.lsu.edu/research-implementation/>. You should be able to extract Appendix B, the Notice of Intent Form. Only the information listed on the form is necessary to submit the NOI to the Board. The purpose of the NOI is largely to assist us in setting up a review panel.

Question:

I know the budget is not required at this stage. But looking through the doc again, in the pre-proposal stage it is required and I saw that Year I, II, III have to the same amount. How stringent is this requirement. This will be rather difficult to do for my project.

There will be some regular salary costs -- constant each year. But first year I will have significant equipment cost (crystal+SiPMs) and the second and third year I will have s/w and subaward from LSU-HSC (Radiologist services: reading images and physician consultancy), they will not exactly level out.

Answer:

If you do not follow the guidelines, then your proposal will be declared non-compliant. Non-compliant proposals are returned to the PI without further review.

Question:

I do have questions about the NoI form (second page) where it says

"CONFIRMATION OF AVAILABILITY/WILLINGNESS TO SERVE"

Is this a box we should complete? If so, then what is a good way of verifying this. An e-mail from the potential reviewer is sufficient?

Answer:

The PI should contact each reviewer and confirm their willingness to serve. A yes in this space will suffice.

Question:

There is a box to check "confirmation of availability/willingness to serve". This is NOT for the PI to fill out, correct. If BOR finds these reviewers unavailable then I will be happy to send a longer list.

Answer:

The PI should contact each reviewer and confirm their willingness to serve. A yes in this space will suffice.

Question:

What is the timeline for the reviewers?
When do they have to submit their review by?
Also wished to know if we send the notice of intent?

Answer:

Please see section I.F. Timetable of the RFP for an estimated timeframe. We do not have exact dates at this time.

The Board has no objection to you sending the NOI to prospective reviewers. However, there is no requirement to do so. Also, please note that we are only asking you to confirm the prospective reviewer's willingness to serve. It is the responsibility of the Board to select and confirm a review panel for the FY2019 CAN cycle.

Question:

I have two reviewers confirmed. I have four others pending but some are away on vacation I am going to each out to Canadian scientists if that is acceptable.

Answer:

Reviewers from Canada are acceptable to the Board.

Question:

can NASA employees be nominated as reviewers in the NOI?

Answer:

There is no restriction on NASA employees serving as a reviewer as long as there is no conflict of interest. However, it would be best that the potential reviewer list you provide not all be NASA staff.