

NASA EPSCoR Request for Preproposals, FY2024

Answers given by Board of Regents staff in response to questions in response to the NASA EPSCoR Request for Preproposals as of **July 10, 2023**.

Notices of Intent are due: July 13, 2023
Last Day to Answer Questions: August 31, 2023
Preproposals are due: September 14, 2023

Question:

1. The NASA collaborators can be anyone from NASA centers, not necessarily the POC listed in the research priorities documents, correct?
2. Can companies be involved in this project, in addition to NASA centers? For example, providing in-kind support or knowledge/feedback (they would write a letter of support for the proposal). If that is possible, does the company have to be located in Louisiana or an EPSCoR state?
3. The link for the preproposal budget in Excel on the LaSPACE website doesn't seem to be working (<https://lanasaepscor.lsu.edu/research-implementation/>). Do you know if it will be made available soon?

Answer:

1. Yes, this is correct.
2. Yes, companies can be involved in addition to NASA Centers. In-kind support and letters of support from industry are allowable, and the location of the company is not relevant. The only restriction on companies refers to the use of funding. See page 5 of the RFP for more details.
3. Thank you for bringing this technical issue to our attention. The link has been fixed and should be accessible.

Question:

I have co-investigators from LSU and USGS on my team. I would like to inquire if USGS is eligible to be listed as a co-investigator in this letter of intent.

Answer:

A co-Investigator from LSU is allowable. A co-Investigator from USGS is allowable. However, without a substantial financial commitment from USGS to the project, it would be questionable how the USGS Co-I could successfully complete the assigned task(s), and this could cause the proposal to review poorly. Note that sending NASA EPSCoR funds (BoR cost share cannot be so used) to another federal agency, i.e. USGS, is also likely to review poorly even with a strong justification.

Question:

Do the NOIs for the NASA EPSCoR (due July 13th) need to be routed through the Office of Sponsored Programs?

Answer:

The NOIs do not need to be routed through the Office of Sponsored Programs. A requirement of the proposal however is a letter of commitment from the lead institution and each collaborator institutions' office of sponsored programs.

Question:

Can the CO-I's change from the NOI to the pre-proposal?

Answer:

Per the RFP under Section II.A Notice of Intent (Required), "Proposal titles and exact team composition may be modified for the final proposal."

Question:

Can the title and team composition be modified between the NOI submission and the pre-proposal (due on Sept. 14)? It is written in the RFP that those can be changed for the final proposal (in Section II.A), but does it also apply for the pre-proposal?

Answer:

Yes, proposal titles and team composition may be modified from the NOI to the pre-proposal.