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January 31, 2025

## MEMORANDUM

To: Directors, Offices of Research & Sponsored Programs, Affected Campuses

From: Carrie Robison, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs 

RE: Out-of-State Consultant Report and Funding Recommendations for Proposals Submitted under the Board of Regents Support Fund's BoR/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative, FY 2024-25

The consultant's final report, including funding recommendations for the five (5) proposals submitted to the Board of Regents/SREB Doctoral Support Initiative to Promote Student and Faculty Diversity, is now posted on the website of the Board of Regents Research and Sponsored Initiatives Section, <https://rsi.laregents.edu/>. Early publication of the report allows campuses to recruit doctoral candidates to these slots for fall 2025.

**IMPORTANT NOTE: Act 1 of the 2024 Third Extraordinary Session of the Legislature repeals the Kevin P. Reilly Louisiana Education Quality Trust Fund and all subfunds, including the Board of Regents Support Fund. As a Constitutional amendment, Act 1 requires a majority vote of the people to be enacted; the vote will take place on March 29<sup>th</sup>. Upon passage of the amendment, all Support Fund programs, including BoR/SREB, will immediately be terminated and funds swept for other purposes, meaning no new awards will be made in any program for the FY25 funding cycle. We will notify all offices of sponsored programs when the result of the election is known and place a public announcement on our website.**

Please note that the Board is expected to act on these recommendations along with those for other BoRSF programs at its April 23, 2025 meeting. Institutions may notify the Board of acceptance of the award in April, as part of the response to all funding recommendations. Only in the event the above-referenced Constitutional amendment does not pass, as soon as possible following Board action at the April meeting, contracts for approved projects will be transmitted through each campus's institutional LOGAN account. As indicated in program requests for proposals, BoR/SREB contracts funded in this cycle will have an effective date of August 1, 2025. Should the Constitutional amendment pass, these recommendations will not be brought for action by the Board of Regents.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the report, please feel free to contact me via email ([carrie.robison@laregents.edu](mailto:carrie.robison@laregents.edu)) or phone (225-219-7169).

cc: System and Campus Heads, Affected Campuses