Rocky Mountain Regional Center of Excellence

for biodefense and emerging infectious diseases research

Request for Proposals
RMRCE American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Supplement

Issue Date: April 16, 2009
Electronic Application Deadline: Thursday, **May 14**, 2009 (any time that day)
Hard Copy Receipt Deadline: Monday, **May 18**, 2009 (receipt, not postmark)
Approximate Award Date: June 2009

Purpose

The RMRCE is eligible to receive support from the recently signed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). All areas of investigation that are suitable for RCE funding (as outlined in RFA AI-08-002) are eligible for support with these funds, including proof-of-principle work, product-oriented studies, and basic research.

To qualify for support through the ARRA, projects must be exceptionally innovative. The research must demonstrate that it is of high risk but has the potential for high payoff if successful. It is expected that while these “out of the box” projects entail greater than the usual degree of scientific risk, they hold the potential for delivering transformational results or paradigm shifts. While the funding for these projects will terminate no more than two years after the award, it is expected that many of them will be able to continue with support from other sources.

Eligibility

The Principal Investigator must reside within Region VIII (CO, MT, ND, SD, UT, WY). Collaborators may reside outside the region. Foreign components are not allowed. Previous experience in the fields of biodefense or emerging infectious diseases is not required, and there is no requirement that the proposed research align with the thematic goals of the RMRCE. Proposals that were previously included in applications in response to RFA AI-08-002 are not eligible, and existing RCE projects may not be supplemented. Minorities, women and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

Award Specifics

A project should request a minimum of $200,000 in direct costs per year for one or two years. All funds must be spent by the end of the award period. No clinical trials will be supported, and any involvement of human subjects must not entail more than minimal risk.

Application Process

The RMRCE application deadlines are (1) Thursday, May 14, 2009 (any time that day) for electronic submission to the RMRCE Administrative Core e-mail box, and, in addition, (2) Monday, May 18, 2009 for receipt of hard copies of the electronic submission (see below).

Please use current NIH PHS-398 forms available at http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html and include only the following:

- Form Page 1: Face Page, institutional signatures not required. If the application is selected for award, we will request formal institutional signatures at that time. Dates of proposed period of support should be one or two years starting June 2009.
- Form Page 2: Summary, Relevance, etc.
- Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Funding Period.
- Form Page 5: Budget for Entire Period (up to 2 years) and justification.
- Biographical Sketch and Research Support for all Key Personnel.
- **Research Plan (5 pages maximum)**: Include Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies (not required), and Research Design/Methods.
- **Clearly identify why the proposed research is highly innovative and addresses major challenges.**
- Include Protection of Human Subjects, Targeted/Planned Enrollment Tables, Vertebrate Animals, and Select Agent Research/Biohazard sections, as appropriate. Projects with inadequate sections addressing protection of human subjects or use of vertebrate animals will not be considered.
- Checklist.

(1) Please email the electronic versions (WORD and PDF files) of your application to the RMRCE Administrative Core e-mail box no later than Thursday, May 14, 2009 (any time that day).

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(2) In addition, an original and 6 hard copies of the application should be sent to the address below for receipt by Monday, May 18, 2009.

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NOTE:

If you would like to be added to the special listserv for RMRCE ARRA updates (if any), please e-mail Julia Inamine.