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MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Offices of Research and Sponsored Programs

FROM: Carrie Robison
Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration

RE: I. Availability of FY 2011-12 Board of Regents Support Fund Requests for Proposals for:

1. Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement Program
2. Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions
3. Research and Development Program
4. Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Program
5. Graduate Fellows Program
6. BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program
7. Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program

II. Important Deadlines

III. Important Notices

I. AVAILABILITY OF FY 2011-12 BOARD OF REGENTS SUPPORT FUND REQUESTS FOR PROPOSALS

The updated requests for proposals (RFPs) for FY 2011-12 are now available on the Internet (<http://web.laregents.org>) for the following Board of Regents Support Fund competitive grants programs: (1) Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement; (2) Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions; (3) Research and Development; (4) Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars; (5) Graduate Fellows Program; (6) BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program; and (7) Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program. We would appreciate your disseminating this notice as widely as possible on your campus. The Board remains particularly interested in encouraging the development of projects that have statewide implications and benefits.

II. IMPORTANT DEADLINES

A. DEADLINE FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM (RCS and ITRS) NOTICES OF INTENT

September 11, 2011

Applicants who wish to submit proposals under either of the Research and Development Subprograms (Research Competitiveness or Industrial Ties Research) **must first submit a notice of intent** in accordance with the guidelines in the R&D RFP.

B. DEADLINE FOR AWARDS TO LOUISIANA ARTISTS AND SCHOLARS (ATLAS) PROGRAM NOTICES OF INTENT

October 10, 2011

Applicants who wish to submit proposals under the Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars (ATLAS) Program **must first submit a notice of intent** in accordance with the guidelines in the ATLAS RFP.

C. DEADLINE DATES FOR ASKING QUESTIONS ABOUT THESE RFPs

October 1, 2011

In accordance with R.S. 39:1503, a deadline of October 1, 2011 has been established for staff responses to questions about these RFPs. After this date, no further inquiries can be accepted. All questions posed and all answers provided will be posted on the Sponsored Programs website. Operating in this manner ensures that all potential applicants receive the same information.

D. DEADLINES FOR SUBMISSION OF FULL PROPOSALS

October 24, 2011 - Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement Programs and Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions

October 31, 2011 - Industrial Ties Research Subprogram

November 7, 2011 - Research Competitiveness Subprogram

November 14, 2011 - Graduate Fellows, Graduate Fellowships for Teachers and BoR/SREB Doctoral Fellowships to Promote Diversity Programs

November 21, 2011 - Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Program

February 1, 2012 - Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program

III. IMPORTANT NOTICES

A. GRADUATE FELLOWS, RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT, AND ENHANCEMENT RFPs

At its May 22, 1997, meeting, the Board of Regents reaffirmed its commitment to the reform of undergraduate education and teacher preparation and encouraged all Support Fund program applicants to consider these priorities as they develop proposals. Further, Board staff will make all external reviewers aware of the Board's commitment to undergraduate reform and teacher preparation. Reviewers will be instructed that, when all else is equal, preference should be given to those proposals which emphasize, in a meaningful manner, reform-based undergraduate education and teacher preparation.

B. GRADUATE FELLOWS RFP

Relative to the Graduate Fellows Program, the Board would like to emphasize again this year that both the Board of Regents Support Fund Long-Range Strategic Plan for Higher Education, as well as the RFP, establish the eligibility of master's-level degree programs of critical importance to the State's economic development and diversification. Moreover, in January 1993, the Board of Regents established a 20% set-aside program designated the "Board of Regents Support Fund Graduate Fellowships for Teachers" (GFT) Program. This one-year, master's-level fellowship program targets teachers in disciplinary areas important to Louisiana's economic development. Applicants should note, however, that participation in the GFT is limited to mathematics and science disciplines only. Applicants for master's-level awards in either the Traditional Graduate Fellows Program or the GFT Program should keep in mind that the burden of proof is on them to develop a persuasive and compelling case for why their proposals are of critical importance to Louisiana's economic development and diversification.

C. RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT RFP

1. RCS and ITRS Applicants

All equipment requests under the R&D program must show, on the appropriate budget page(s), a 25% or greater cash match. For RCS proposals, the required equipment match must be from the applicant's employing institution.

2. ITRS Applicants ONLY

All ITRS applicants are required to have an "up front" matching commitment in writing from the private/federal sector for at least the first year of the request. Moreover, a plan to secure subsequent year matching commitments must be addressed in the budget section of the proposal. Applicants should note that although the exact level of the commitment is not specified in the RFP, in previous years the Board has adopted the recommendations of the final review panel which has strongly recommended that very specific matching requirements be made as conditions of funding by the Board.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the RFPs, please call (225) 342-4253 or e-mail staff members as listed below:

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Your cooperation and assistance in disseminating the information in this memorandum will be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

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