

## EPSCoR Louisiana/Mississippi Track-2

Answers given in response to questions asked pertaining to the Request for Proposals  
as of **July 8, 2013**.

The last day to answer questions is **September 20, 2013**.

### Proposals Due: October 2, 2013

Question:

I have attached a short proposal that may fit the Track-2 program. Please let me know if the material is suitable for the proposal.

Answer:

We cannot make determinations as to the suitability of proposed topics; the proposals that are eventually submitted in response to the LA-MS Track-2 Request for Proposals will be reviewed by an external panel of experts and it is this panel that will recommend the most meritorious proposal for submission to NSF, based on the review criteria contained in the NSF Track-2 Program Solicitation NSF 13-509.

Question:

How will proposals be evaluated? Will LA and MS do a common evaluation?

Answer:

Yes. All the proposals that are received will be reviewed using a single, common evaluation process.

Question:

We understand that the typical annual budget is \$1.5 to \$2 million per consortium for three years. If there will be a 50/50 split of the research effort between LA and MS research groups, will this be reflected in a \$0.75 million to \$1 million annual allocation for LA research groups?

Answer:

This is correct.

Question:

What is the role of MS EPSCoR in the LA EPSCoR selection process, and vice versa? Is there any collaboration between LA EPSCoR evaluation process and the one at MS EPSCoR? Can we have some more information regarding the review process for selecting the successful proposal to be submitted to NSF?

Answer:

As noted above, There will be a single evaluation process for Track-2 proposals, using out-of-state reviewers. The reviewers will evaluate the proposals using the review criteria outlined in the NSF solicitation.

Question:

Are there any limitations regarding the participation of a PI in more than one proposal submitted to the Track-2 competition?

Answer:

No.

Question:

Is there any relationship between this NSF RII Track 2 proposal and the current Louisiana NSF RII Track 1 (LASIGMA) project?

Answer:

No.