April 1, 2013

To: Directors, Offices of Research

From: Carrie Robison, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration

RE: 1. Out-of-State Consultants’ Reports and Funding Recommendations for Proposals Submitted under Board of Regents Support Fund Competitive Programs, FY 2012-13

2. APRIL 22, 2013 DEADLINE for Campus Responses to Funding Stipulations Contained in Consultants’ Reports

FY 2012-13 BoRSF FUNDING RECOMMENDATIONS

The fourteen (14) reports from out-of-state consultants which recommend funding for proposals submitted in FY 2012-13 under Board of Regents Support Fund competitive programs are now posted on the website of the Office of Sponsored Programs, http://web.laregents.org. The Board is expected to act on these recommendations, as well as on campus requests for matching funds to endow non-competitive professorships and first-generation undergraduate scholarships, at its meetings of April 24-25, 2013.

IMPORTANT NOTE: ACTION BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS IS REQUIRED BEFORE FUNDING IS ASSURED FOR ANY OF THE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED IN THE FOLLOWING REPORTS.

ENDOWED CHAIRS PROGRAM:
Report 1

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:
Report 2 Industrial Ties Research Subprogram (ITRS)
Report 3 Research Competitiveness Subprogram (RCS)
Report 4 Awards to Louisiana Artists and Scholars Subprogram (ATLAS)

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:
Report 5 Undergraduate Enhancement Program
Report 6 Traditional Enhancement Program: Multidisciplinary
Report 7 Traditional Enhancement Program: Agricultural Sciences
Report 8 Traditional Enhancement Program: Arts
Report 9 Traditional Enhancement Program: Earth & Environmental Sciences
Report 10 Traditional Enhancement Program: Engineering A
Report 11 Traditional Enhancement Program: Health & Medical Sciences
Report 12 Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions
GRADUATE FELLOWS:
Report 13  Traditional Graduate Fellows and Graduate Fellowships for Teachers Programs
Report 14  BoR/SREB Graduate Fellowships to Promote Diversity Program

The most recent estimate issued by the Revenue Estimating Conference (REC) in December 2012 projected the amount of money available in FY 2012-13 for higher education’s portion of the Support Fund to be $23.85 million. This projection is significantly lower than previous REC guidance and projections used to derive the approved FY 2012-13 BoRSF Plan and Budget of $27.5 million. As a result, substantial reductions in anticipated first-year funds must be taken, as reflected in the explanations and estimates that follow. If revenue projections are further reduced, the recommendations contained herein are subject to revision.

Though the precise amount of money available for Support Fund programs is not yet known, the total amount of FY 2012-13 monies expected to be available for expenditure for the first year of new projects are anticipated to enable funding only of some proposals rated Priority I in competitive BoRSF programs. While it is possible that a small number of unfunded Priority I proposals may receive support if additional monies become available, it is not likely that any proposals ranked Priority II will be funded this year. Rank orders recommended for funding in each of the following reports are:

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INSTITUTIONAL RESPONSES

All institutions with proposals recommended for funding must inform the Sponsored Programs Section in writing no later than 4:30 p.m., Monday, April 22, if any of the following conditions apply:

1. Difficulties are foreseen in adjusting to any recommended modifications in funding levels, institutional matching requirements, or other stipulations set forth in these reports;
NOTE: If budgets have been reduced with no indication of the manner in which the reduction should/must be accomplished, the principal investigator/project director will be allowed to reduce the budget as he/she deems most appropriate to accomplish the objectives set forth in the proposal as originally submitted.

2. There has been a change in the employment status of any individual listed as a lead principal investigator, or of any other individual named in the application who is critical to the successful completion of the proposal as originally submitted;

3. The same or a very similar project has already been funded or will be funded in the near future from another source; and/or

4. Problems exist or funding stipulations have been recommended that cannot be resolved within the next few weeks, which, therefore, might preclude the Board’s being able to award Support Fund money by June 30, 2013, or at all. Problems of this type include but are not limited to: (a) the institution’s inability to fulfill a promised institutional matching commitment as set forth in the proposal; or (b) the Support Fund award being contingent upon the applicant’s success in securing additional funding from, for example, a Federal agency or industry.

Institutions with proposals recommended for funding for which none of the preceding conditions apply must also provide written assurance that (a) no problems will exist if the proposal(s) recommended are funded in the manner and at the budgetary levels stipulated by the consultants; and (b) the commitments made by the applicant(s) and the institution, as set forth in the original proposal(s) and/or required in consultants’ stipulations, will be met. These responses are also due in writing no later than April 22, 2013.

We strongly prefer that your office coordinate and submit all responses from your institution. This enables us to give you the maximum amount of time available to gather and submit your responses and ensures consistency in information transmitted.

All responses must be emailed to Ms. Carrie Robison, Associate Commissioner for Sponsored Programs Administration (carrie.robison@la.gov). If you require other arrangements to submit your response, contact Ms. Robison via email or at (225) 342-4253 x671.

The effective date of contracts for funded projects will be June 1, 2013, with the exception of Graduate Fellows projects. As indicated in program requests for proposals, contracts for Traditional Graduate Fellows and Graduate Fellowships for Teachers projects approved for funding in FY 2012-13 will have an effective date of August 1, 2014, and BoR/SREB projects an effective date of August 1, 2013. Applicants whose projects are funded will be informed as quickly as possible after Board approval is granted of the items required for their contracts.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the consultants’ reports, please feel free to contact me via email or phone.

CC: System and Campus Heads