

NSF EPSCoR Track-1: Advanced Materials and Manufacturing

Answers given in response to questions asked pertaining to the Request for Proposals
as of **March 27, 2014**.

The last day to answer questions is **March 27, 2014**.

Proposals Due: April 10, 2014

Question:

On the notice of intent (NOI) form included in the RFP the title “NSF EPSCoR RII Track-1 Computational Materials” appears. I assume this should read “NSF EPSCoR RII Track-1 Advanced Materials and Manufacturing”. Will this be corrected or can we use the existing form?

Answer:

The NOI title you noted was a typographical error. The form has been corrected on our website.

Question:

It seems that there is some confusion regarding the following requirement appearing in the RFP: “Individuals listed as Principal Investigator (PI) or Co-Principal Investigator (Co-PI) on a proposal cannot participate in another proposal submitted under this RFP.” I interpret this as applying only to the 4 individuals who will be listed as Principal Investigator and the 3 Co-PIs appearing on the first page of the NOI and on the proposal. I would appreciate if you can confirm this interpretation.

Answer:

Your interpretation is correct, the participation restriction involves only those individuals who are listed as the single PI and the three Co-PIs.

Question:

In our proposal we will have several participating institutions. In the RFP it is mentioned that one should have for each participating institution a budget Table B with the Support Levels for Major Activities. Also, the 7th element of the proposal, **7. Budget and Budget Narrative** states that one should “*prepare a separate budget page for each year plus a cumulative budget page. A budget justification must be included. Funding to be subcontracted to participating institutions must be listed under G.5, “subcontracts” and a detailed justification of these costs included in the budget justification.*” Do we need to use the budget form from page 15 of the RFP for each participating institution?

Answer:

Yes.

Question:

If the answer is "Yes" for the previous question, on the budget form from page 15 should we list a "local" lead-PI from each institution?

Answer:

Yes. List the name of whoever is the lead at that particular institution.

Question:

If a participating institution has a smaller number of senior investigators can we provide funding through a subcontract from the lead institution?

Answer:

No. All participating institutions will be awarded separate subcontracts from the Board of Regents.

Question:

For the 'list of conflicts' mentioned in 'Supplementary Documents', is there a standard form or wording?

Answer:

We suggest that you use the format as specified by NSF in the previous EPSCoR Track-1 program solicitation (NSF13-549), which states:

List of conflicts. A single, alphabetically ordered list of all people, in the academic or professional community, who have collaborated with (within the last 48 months), or have been a Ph.D. advisee or advisor of, any of the personnel involved in the proposed project including all advisory boards. In this list, please include, next to the name of each conflicted individual, that individual's institution or company and the name of the project member with whom he or she has the conflict of interest. It is not necessary to list, as collaborators, personnel who are simply employees of an institution or company involved in the project. The list must be ordered alphabetically by the first column, i.e. the last names of the conflicted individuals. Note that past or present association with an individual as a thesis advisor or thesis student presents a lifelong conflict of interest with that individual. All thesis advisees supervised must be listed in this table, not just those supervised within the last 48 months. See http://www.nsf.gov/attachments/116169/public/coi_form_1230p.pdf for additional details.