Announcement from the Office for Sponsored Programs

Request for Interest in proposal submission

Date: December 14, 2012

To: Research Faculty

RE: Next-Generation National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NG NNIN)
    NSF 13-521

The National Science Foundation has limited the number of submissions per institution as the lead agency and as a subaward to the above referenced Program Solicitation. From the solicitation:

Limit on Number of Proposals per Organization: An institution may not be included in more than one proposal submitted in response to this solicitation.

We would like to determine if there is a need for an internal white paper competition.

The required Letter of Intent to NSF is due April 1, 2013. The full proposal is due May 13, 2013

Those considering submitting a proposal as the lead agency, or as a subcontract, should email Angie Shotts at ashotts@fa.ua.edu indicating interest by 5:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 16, 2013. The subject line should indicate “NG NNIN.” Please copy your Associate Dean for Research.

Should an internal competition with a white paper submission be necessary, you will be notified of the process and due date for the white paper as soon as possible after deadline for interest notification. Please contact Angie Shotts, Office for Sponsored Programs at 348-8070 or your respective Associate Dean for Research if you have any questions.


Synopsis of Program:
The National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NNIN) will reach its ten year authorized award life at the end of Fiscal Year 2013. The National Science Foundation is announcing in this solicitation an open competition to establish a Next-Generation National Nanotechnology Infrastructure Network (NG NNIN) for Fiscal Years 2014-2018.

NNIN has enabled major discoveries, innovations, and contributions to education and commerce within all disciplines of nanoscale science, engineering, and technology through NSF support of a national network of university-based user facilities. These facilities have provided open access to leading-edge nanotechnology fabrication and characterization tools, instrumentation, and expertise for users across the nation from academia, small and large industry, and government. The core mission of NNIN has included national-level education and outreach programs to enable a diverse science and engineering workforce, the study of societal and ethical implications of nanotechnology including issues of environment, health, and safety, as well as important modeling and simulation capabilities.

The new competition for the NG NNIN will build on the concept of NNIN with a much broadened scope and user base. Support is being provided by all NSF Directorates and the Office of International Science and Engineering as an integral part of the NSF investment in Nanoscale Science and Engineering.