**REQUEST FOR PREPROPOSALS**

**Mississippi Research Consortium Submission to the**

**Department of Energy**

**Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR)**

[**http://science.energy.gov/~/media/grants/pdf/foas/2014/SC\_FOA\_0001087.pdf**](http://science.energy.gov/~/media/grants/pdf/foas/2014/SC_FOA_0001087.pdf)

**Institution Preproposal Deadline: Monday, March 3, 2014, 8:00 a.m. (UM preproposals should be submitted to jghale@olemiss.edu)**

**Letter of Intent (Required) Deadline: Saturday, March 22, 2014, 5:00 p.m.**

**DOE Application Deadline: Tuesday, April 15, 2014, 11:59 p.m.**

**Overview:**

The U.S. Department of Energy’s Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research is a federal-state partnership program designed to help the Department lead the world in meeting today’s and tomorrow’s energy needs by increasing the geographic diversity of competitive capability to conduct energy-related research and development. Positioned within the Department’s Office of Science in the Office of Basic Energy Sciences, and supporting basic and applied research and development across a wide range of DOE programs, DOE EPSCoR hereby announces its interest in receiving applications for Implementation Grants from the academic, non-profit or industrial research community in states and territories (hereafter referred to as jurisdictions) eligible for the program.

Specifically, applications are sought for improvement of research competitiveness in key science and technology areas related to DOE Mission(s) identified by the jurisdiction’s EPSCoR governing committee or other appropriate organization on behalf of the jurisdiction. Grants awarded under this program are meant to improve research infrastructure and to support a group of scientists and engineers including graduate students and post-doctoral fellows working on a common scientific theme in one or more than one EPSCoR jurisdictions. These awards are not appropriate mechanisms to provide support for individual faculty science and technology research projects.

Projects must involve researchers from all four MRC institutions.

The preproposal should be no longer than 4 pages (3 pages addressing the objectives of the DOE Implementation RFP -- scope of work; 1 page naming collaborators (institutions, labs, industry, etc.). Please refer to the RFP for objectives and expectations for this funding. The preproposals will be scored and one will be selected by the MRC to represent our jurisdiction. Please construct your preproposal to that of the Letter of Intent instructions in the RFP.

**The preproposals must contain the following information:**

**Cover Sheet** **to Include:**

Name of Lead Institution

Name of Institution(s) Involved

Title of Proposed Project

List Participating Departments

List Project Discipline(s)

Project Abstract: (2 page maximum)

Collaborators: (1 page) Must include name, title, institution/organization/industry, w/email address

**Preproposal Submission:**

The preproposal, formatted as a single pdf document, should be e-mailed to your CRO **no later than 8 a.m. on Monday, March 3, 2014** (UM preproposals should be submitted to jghale@olemiss.edu). An e-mail acknowledging receipt of the preproposal will be sent to the researcher. One preproposal from each MRC institution will be selected for submission to the full MRC. Such submission will consist of the full letter of intent, as described in the RFP. **Please review the RFP closely, understanding the extensive nature of the proposal requirements. Submission of a preproposal represents a firm commitment to submit a quality proposal on behalf of the state.**

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