

INTERNAL COMPETITION

Instrumentation for Materials Research Major Instrumentation Projects (IMR-MIP)

Summary

- This **National Science Foundation** program supports **design or construction** of major instruments – costing **more than \$4M** but less than \$20M.
- Also supports development of detailed conceptual/engineering design for new tools for **materials preparation or characterization** at *major user facilities*.
- Two types of awards: **Conceptual & Engineering Design (CED)** awards & **Construction (CNST)**. Up to \$3M may be available for the FY 2009 competition, to fund *up to two* CED awards & no more than one CNST award. A CNST proposal may be submitted only after an instrument engineering design has been completed & approved by both the proposed user facility & NSF.

Instructions

- An institution may submit **only one (1) IMR-MIP proposal** to NSF in a given year, whether for **Conceptual & Engineering Design (CED)** or for **Construction (CNST)**. Therefore, **Southern Miss** Sponsored Programs Administration (SPA) will host a university-wide internal competition to select one concept for development into a proposal and submission to NSF.
- To compete, write a concept paper of not more than **3 pages**, including a summary budget, and save it in MS Word or PDF format. Your paper title, name, and contact information may be placed either at the top of your paper or on a separate title page (title pages not counted in 3-page limit).
- Indicate the proposal type (CED or CNST) in your title or on your title page.
- Submit the document (Word or PDF) electronically as an e-mail attachment, to sponsoredprograms@usm.edu by 8:00 a.m. Thursday, April 23, 2009.

Due Dates

- **Concept papers** are due at SPA by **8:00 A.M. Thursday, April 23, 2009**.
- NSF's full proposal deadline falls on **Monday, June 29, 2009**.

For more information:

- ♦ Read the solicitation and guidelines at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2009/nsf09547/nsf09547.htm>.
- ♦ For questions about the internal competition, contact SPA's Information Specialist at syd.conner@usm.edu or 601 • 266 • 4119.