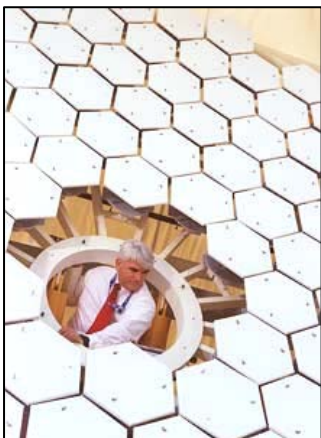


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Because NSF allows only three pre-proposals per institution, there will be an internal competition at Southern Miss to choose up to three concepts to be developed into NSF pre-proposals & submitted.

Applicant Instructions:

- Read the full announcement at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2008/nsf08580/nsf08580.htm>.
- Prepare a concept paper of not more than three (3) pages, including a summary budget.
- Attach the paper in Word or PDF format to an e-mail message and send it to sponsoredprograms@usm.edu no later than 5:00 pm Monday, August 4, 2008.



Deadlines:

- Concept papers due at SPA by 5:00 pm Monday, August 4, 2008.
- Preliminary proposals due at NSF by 5:00 pm Tuesday, Sept. 30, 2008.
- Full Proposals (by NSF invitation) due at NSF by April 30, 2009.

For questions about the competition, contact SPA Information Specialist J. Syd Conner at sponsoredprograms@usm.edu or at 601-266-4119.