

Missouri Life Sciences Research Board: Centers for Excellence Proposals

Request for Proposals

LSRB 2009-002

Full Proposal Deadline (due by 5 p.m. CST):

June 17, 2009

Contract Period

From date of award through June 30, 2010 with 2 optional renewals

Summary of Program Requirements

Program Title:

Establishment of Centers for Excellence

Statutory Purpose:

Moneys in the life sciences research trust fund shall be used strategically, in cooperation with other governmental and not-for-profit private entities, to enhance the capacity of the state of Missouri's ability to perform research to better serve the health and welfare of the residents of the state of Missouri as a center of life sciences research and development by building on the success of research institutions located in Missouri, creating in and attracting to Missouri new research and development institutions, commercializing the life sciences technologies developed by such institutions, and enhancing their capacity to carry out their respective missions.

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Introduction

In 2003, the Missouri General Assembly passed and the Governor signed into law H.B. 688, creating the Missouri Life Sciences Research Board.

According to the statute, "moneys in the life sciences research trust fund shall be used strategically, in cooperation with other governmental and not-for-profit private entities, to enhance the capacity of the state of Missouri's ability to perform research to better serve the health and welfare of the residents of the state of Missouri as a center of life sciences research and development by building on the success of research institutions located in Missouri, creating in and attracting to Missouri new research and development institutions, commercializing the life sciences technologies developed by such institutions, and enhancing their capacity to carry out their respective missions."

The Centers for Excellence, located in Kansas City, St. Louis, Springfield and Out-State Missouri, are comprised of a consortium of public and private not-for-profit academic, research, or health care institutions or organizations that have collectively at least fifteen million dollars in annual research expenditures in the life sciences, including a collective minimum of two million dollars in basic research in life sciences.

The Centers for Excellence (virtual) have a chairman and functional advisory board that is representative of the consortium of public and private not-for-profit academic, research, or health care institutions or organizations associated with their center for excellence.

Each Center for Excellence will also be appointing a screening committee. The centers, through their screening committees, shall solicit, collect, prioritize, and forward to the Life Sciences Research Board proposed research initiatives for consideration for funding by the board. According to state statute, members of each screening committee shall generally be familiar with the life sciences and current trends and developments with either technical or scientific expertise in the life sciences with an understanding of life sciences and with an understanding of the application of the results of life sciences research. No member of a screening committee shall be employed by any public or private entity eligible to receive financial support from the Life Sciences Research Trust Fund. The Center for Excellence may recommend the core members of the screening committee, which are due on June 17, 2009, but will have the ability to expand the size of the screening committee by two or three additional members after the Letters of Intent are received. The Centers for Excellence must notify the MLSRB of these additions. The MLSRB makes final approval pertaining to the establishment of Centers for Excellence and the screening committees.

Center for Excellence Proposal Outline

Proposals in response to this request should address the following areas provided in this outline:

- I. Listing of consortium of public and private not-for-profit academic, research, or health care institutions or organizations associated with the proposed center for excellence**
 - a. Justification as to why this consortium is best suited to become a center for excellence
 - b. Programmatic areas of expertise within member institutions that are well suited to membership of the proposed center for excellence
 - c. How your center will address both the research and commercialization missions laid forth in state statute
 - d. Documentation that proposed member institutions have collectively at least fifteen million dollars in annual research expenditures in the life sciences, including a collective minimum of two million dollars in basic research in life sciences

- II. Strategic Planning**
 - a. Important regional initiatives
 - b. Potential statewide initiatives
 - c. Potential for statewide and regional collaboration
 - d. Put together an actual regional strategic plan (not to exceed 5 pages) consisting of regional assets and projects to assist in providing a regional perspective for the peer reviewers.

- III. Center for Excellence Chairman**
 - a. Contact information
 - b. Short bio and scientific area of expertise
 - c. Staff contacts

- IV. Listing of all Advisory Board Members**
 - a. Contact information
 - b. Short bio and where applicable scientific area of expertise

- V. Establishment of Screening Committee**
 - a. Contact information
 - b. Short bio and where applicable scientific area of expertise in the following areas, *animal science, plant science, medical devices, biomaterials and composite research, diagnostics, nanotechnology related to drug development and delivery, clinical imaging, and information technology related to human health.*

CONTRACT PERIOD

The original contract period shall be as stated on page 1 of the Request for Proposal (RFP). The contract shall not bind, nor purport to bind, the state for any contractual commitment in excess of the original contract period. The Life Sciences Research Board shall have the right, at its sole option, to renew the contract for two (2) additional one-year periods, or any portion thereof. In the event the Life Sciences Research Board exercises such right, all terms and conditions, requirements and specifications of the contract shall remain the same and apply during renewal periods.

SUBMISSION OF PROPOSALS ELECTRONICALLY & DEADLINES

Proposals may be submitted by mail and/or email.

Proposals should be emailed to Bill Anderson (william.anderson@ded.mo.gov) **no later than 5 p.m. Wednesday, June 17, 2009.**

Hardcopies of proposals should be **mailed and postmarked by Tuesday, June 16, 2009** to the following address:

Missouri Life Sciences Research Board
Attention: Bill Anderson
Truman State Office Building, Suite 680
Jefferson City, Missouri 65102

Section 4: Questions and Answers, Miscellaneous, Schedule of Events

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

The Life Sciences Research Board welcomes your questions or requests for clarification. Please submit any questions in writing by **5 pm CST on June 10, 2009 to william.anderson@ded.mo.gov**. A copy of submitted questions and associated answers will be provided via email to all prospective vendors indicating intent to provide a proposal.