



EXPERIMENTAL PROGRAM TO STIMULATE COMPETITIVE RESEARCH

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**TO:** VPRs, Research Administrators (Please notify appropriate Deans and Department Chairs/Heads Faculty)

**FROM:** Jerry Malayer, Director, Oklahoma EPSCoR

**RE:** NASA EPSCoR Research Announcement (Second Announcement)

**Deadline**

Letter of Interest Deadline Extended: October 4, 2013

**Program Description**

NASA EPSCoR has announced that we may anticipate the release of a NASA EPSCoR Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) for the Research Implementation Competition sometime in Fall 2013. While we do not yet have a firm date, preparation to respond to the CAN must begin now, as the proposal requires research collaboration among Oklahoma researchers, their counterparts at a NASA Center or Mission Directorate, and industry.

Researchers with previous or existing NASA Travel Grant and/or Research Initiation Grant funding are encouraged to submit a Letter of Interest to be considered for NASA Oklahoma EPSCoR sponsorship.

***However, all Letters of Interest will be considered.*** A competitive process will be used to determine the final project for submission, with the State EPSCoR Advisory Committee making the determination, and the full proposal will likely be due to NASA on or around December 15, 2013.

**Anticipated Amount of Award:** \$250,000 per year for three years; matching funds required.

**Potential start date:** Spring of 2014

**Eligibility Information**

**Institutions:** Multi-Institutional Projects are encouraged.

**Limit on the number of Letters of Interest per institution:** None

**Disciplines:** NASA EPSCoR research priorities are defined by the Mission Directorates (Aeronautics Research, Human Exploration and Operations, Science and Space Technology). Each Mission Directorate covers a major area of the Agency's research and technology development efforts;

**Aeronautics Research Mission Directorate (ARMD)** <http://www.aeronautics.nasa.gov/programs.htm>

**Human Exploration & Operations Mission Directorate (HEOMD)**

*Human Research Program* [The Human Research Roadmap](#)

*Space Life Sciences* NASA's [Fundamental Space Biology Science Plan](#)

*Physical Science Research* <http://issresearchproject.nasa.gov/>

*Engineering Research*

Research and technology development areas in HEOMD support launch vehicles, space communications, and the International Space Station. Research is ongoing at all NASA centers.

**Science Mission Directorate (SMD)** [NASA Science Strategy](#)

**Space Technology Mission Directorate (STMD)** [Space Technology Roadmap](#)

**Letter Content**

The letter should contain:

- A) The title and description of the potential research including the NASA Mission Directorate and NASA scientist that has expressed interest in the project. Goals and objectives should be included in the letter which can be up to two full pages in length. Those interested in responding to this call are strongly encouraged to review the NASA EPSCoR Cooperative Agreement Notice from January 2013. Special attention should be given to the review criteria listed on pages 22-26. This solicitation can be found at: [NASA EPSCoR Website](#) and [State EPSCoR Website](#).
- B) A list of the primary researchers and their institutions and
- C) A two-page CV together with a list of current and pending support for the lead investigator, as well as any other anticipated key personnel.

Letters not conforming to above specifications will not be reviewed. If you have any questions, please contact either:

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**Proposal Submission Instructions and Due Dates**

The letter of interest must be e-mailed to the NASA EPSCoR Office at [OKSG.EPSCoR@ou.edu](mailto:OKSG.EPSCoR@ou.edu)

The letter of interest must be received no later than 5:00 p.m., October 4, 2013.