Maine EPSCoR

NSF EPSCoR RII Track-1
Networking Meeting
March 16, 2017
Researchers invited to submit concept paper that describes current research problem/need for the state

A “grand challenge” – not designed for individual, single institution, or small group faculty research

Must address a comprehensive, integrated, trans-disciplinary, statewide focus that creates substantial research infrastructure and involves participants from throughout the state

Deadline for submission: February 15, 2017

Submit to: shane.moeykens@maine.edu

Submitted papers will be posted on Maine EPSCoR website:
https://umaine.edu/epscor/track-1-rii-development-process/
Participate in additional Q&A on the RII Track-1 program

Hear short presentations on submitted research concepts

Network to meld commonalities between concepts, develop further partnerships, solidify project themes that will proceed for further consideration

Report out on revised concepts
As a result of Phase II process, six teams will be invited to submit pre-proposals.

The pre-proposal will be 12 pages max, and must address:

1) The science
2) The integration of education and workforce development (e.g., graduate and undergraduate fellowships, post-doc support, faculty support)
3) Any cyberinfrastructure needed specifically for the research focus
4) Management of the research project portion

Pre-Proposals – due April 26, 2017

UMaine Advanced Structures and Composites Center (1996-1999 Track-1 recipient)
Phase IV – External Review

- Conduct in May 2017
- Pre-proposals will be reviewed by The Implementation Group, Inc. (TIG)
- Comments and scores will be distributed to research teams and an MIEAB-led Review Panel
Review Panel Presentations – June 14, 2017

- Research teams will present projects to MIEAB-led review panel
- Review panel will rank pre-proposals
- Only top two ranked pre-proposals shall advance to Phase VI
Phase VI – State Approval (June 28, 2017)

Phase VII – Proposal Preparation (begins July 2017): Maine EPSCoR works with the selected research theme group, statewide educational institutions, stakeholders, and other partners to develop a proposal

Phase VIII – Proposal Submission (August 2018): submission of the State’s proposal to NSF EPSCoR. (actual date may vary per the NSF FOA)

Phase IX: Award notification (Summer 2019)

Phase X: Project begins (Fall 2019)