

Maine EPSCoR

NSF EPSCoR RII Track-1

Networking Meeting

March 16, 2017

Phase I – Concept Papers

Concept Papers – due February 15, 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/>

Complete

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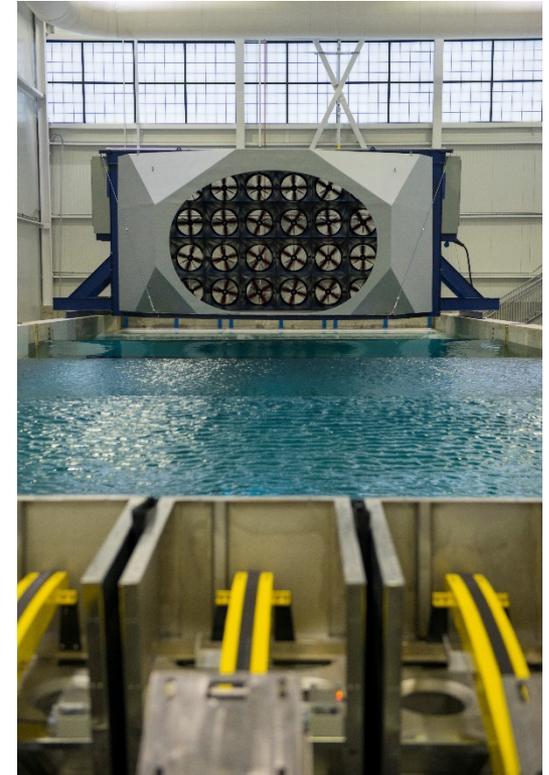
- Participate in additional Q&A on the RII Track-1 program
- Hear short presentations on submitted research concepts
- Network to meld commonalities between concepts, develop further partnerships, solidify project themes that will proceed for further consideration
- Report out on revised concepts



Phase III – Pre-Proposals

Pre-Proposals – due April 26, 2017

- 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

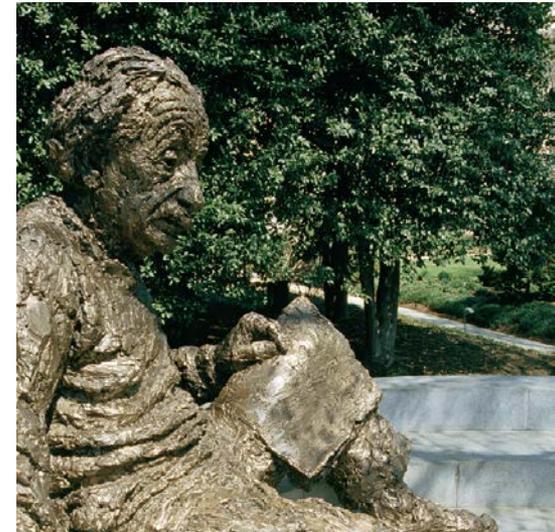


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- Conduct in May 2017
- Pre-proposals will be reviewed by The Implementation Group, Inc. (TIG)
- Comments and scores will be distributed to research teams and an MIEAB-led Review Panel

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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 & Beyond

- **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)**