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### **Request for Pre-Proposals NASA WV EPSCoR**

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration (NASA) anticipates to issue the FY 2017 NASA Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN) for the Experimental Program to Stimulate Competitive Research (EPSCoR). The full text of the Announcement will be posted on the NASA Solicitation and Proposal Integrated Review and Evaluation System (NSPIRES) at <http://nspires.nasaprs.com>. The CAN for FY 2016 is attached to this request for pre-proposals and we expect that the FY 2017 announcement by NASA will be similar to the one issued for FY 2016 funding cycle.

In anticipation of the upcoming CAN release, NASA WV EPSCoR Committee invites pre-proposals from eligible faculty for the FY 2017 NASA EPSCoR program. West Virginia may submit a package containing one or two proposals. Each proposal may request up to \$750,000 in federal funds for a three year period. A cost share of at least 50% from non-federal sources is required. NASA will fund successful projects individually from the state proposal packages.

The NASA WV EPSCoR Committee, upon recommendation from the NASA WV EPSCoR State Director, will approve the proposal package for submission to NASA.

The timeline for pre-proposal submission is as follows:

- **November 21, 2016** - All pre-proposals must be submitted to NASA WV EPSCoR via e-mail ([Cordwell@nasa.wvu.edu](mailto:Cordwell@nasa.wvu.edu)). Please note that a detailed budget is not required with this submission.
- **January 16, 2017** - PIs will be notified as to which pre-proposal has been selected by NASA WV EPSCoR Committee, and will be given final instructions and budget constraints, if NASA has released the FY 2017 by then.
- For the pre-proposal(s) selected, completed proposal with all relevant signatures and certifications will be due to the NASA WV EPSCoR office at least two weeks before the submission deadline to NASA.

#### **Pre-proposals must adhere to the following guidelines:**

**Cover Page:** Use one page as the title page. Provide a specific reference to the targeted NASA research program. Include the signatures of the PI and a senior fiscal/academic official who can authorize the required 50% cost share.

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**Description:** No more than five pages may be used to describe the proposed activity. The description should clearly show the nature and importance of the work to be conducted and the methods to be used in the proposed research. In the case of multiple investigator tasks, the description will show the specific role of each investigator.

**Relevance to NASA:** A half-page statement that clearly demonstrates the relevance of the proposed activity to NASA and its mission. Provide information here on contacts with the researchers at NASA Centers indicating their interest and their support of the proposed research. An ongoing relationship with a NASA Center will be a much stronger indication of success than one that has been initiated in response to this announcement. If you have a letter of support and interest from a NASA scientist, you may append it to the pre-proposal without regard to page limits. A list of research priorities for NASA Centers and Mission Directorates can be found at <http://www.wvspacegrant.org/resources/downloads/>.

**Relevance to WV:** A half-page statement showing how the proposed research will build R&D capability in West Virginia.

**Capacity Building:** A half-page statement that explains how the proposed research will build graduate programs or other research activities in West Virginia.

**Vitae:** Up to two-page vitae for each investigator on the project. Please include a list of recent publications, research awards, and all past and on-going NASA contracts and collaborations.

**Reviewers and Keywords:** Please include the name and contact information for two experts outside the state of West Virginia that we may contact and request their services to provide a technical review of your pre-proposal. Please include a 2-3 sentence justification for the recommendation of each reviewer. Please also include at least 3 keywords related to your proposed research topic.

Participation of and collaboration with members of underrepresented groups is highly encouraged.

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