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Institutional Limit on Proposal Submissions

**National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), Department of Commerce
Recovery Act NIST Construction Grant Program**

Funding Opportunity Number: 2009-NIST-ARRA-CONSTRUCTION-01

http://www.nist.gov/recovery/construction_ffo.html

LIMITED SUBMISSION – ONE (1) PER INSTITUTION

Deadlines:

Letter of Intent is **required**: 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Thursday, June 25, 2009.

Full proposal: 3 p.m. Eastern Time, Monday, August 10, 2009.

Review, selection, and grant award processing is expected to be completed in February 2010.

Below is information about the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST) Department of Commerce Recovery Act NIST Construction Program 2009. NIST limits the number of proposals an organization can submit, as described above. Therefore, if the number of preproposals exceeds that limit (1), an internal review will be conducted to determine which proposals will be submitted from Mississippi State University.

If you are interested in submitting a proposal to the NIST, a preproposal that includes the information listed below must be submitted to the Office of Research and Economic Development (ORED), electronically to Sandra Harpole at sharpole@research.msstate.edu and **copied** to Katie Echols at kechols@research.msstate.edu in the ORED office by **5 p.m. on Friday, June 5, 2009**. A committee of faculty members will screen applications and select the nominee to represent the University.

All preproposals must include:

1. Title of NIST Grant
2. Proposal Deadline
3. Title of Proposal
4. PI and Co-PIs with title and unit affiliation
5. Partner institutions/industries (if any)
6. One paragraph providing a brief description of the proposed activities.

Synopsis of Program:

The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Recovery Act) (Public Law 111-5) appropriated \$180 million to NIST "for a competitive construction grant program for research science buildings. Additional information on the program was provided on page 418 of the Conference Report to accompany House Report 111-16 (Feb. 12, 2009): ". . . \$180,000,000 shall be for the competitive construction grant program for research science buildings, including fiscal year 2008 and 2009 competitions.

Consistent with the Conference Report language NIST intends to issue grant awards for approximately \$60 million to unfunded meritorious proposals submitted under the fiscal year 2008 competition and issue grant awards for approximately \$120 million under a new fiscal year 2009 competition.

The goals and objectives of the program are to provide competitively awarded grant funds for research science buildings through the construction of new buildings or expansion of existing buildings. For purposes of this program, "research science building means a building or facility whose purpose is to conduct scientific research, including laboratories, test facilities, measurement facilities, research computing facilities, and observatories. In addition, "expansion of existing buildings means that space to conduct scientific research is being expanded from what is currently available for the supported research activities.

Consistent with Section 3 of the Recovery Act, the projects undertaken through this program will result in the preservation of jobs and the promotion of economic recovery; the provision of investments needed to increase economic efficiency by spurring technological advances; and the investment in infrastructure that will provide long-term economic benefits. Activities will be commenced as quickly as possible while ensuring prudent management.

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Anticipated Amounts: NIST anticipates funding 8-12 projects with Federal shares in the \$10 million - \$15 million range with a project period of performance of up to five (5) years, although there is an expectation that most of the projects will be completed prior to 5 years.