The Energy Center at Discovery Park
Request for Proposals
Seed Funding in Support of Future Large Grant Applications

The Energy Center at Discovery Park is pleased to issue this request for proposals for projects that will facilitate successful large, multi-year, interdisciplinary, externally funded grant proposals to be submitted through The Energy Center in 2007 and early 2008.

Proposals for seed money are solicited in support of new or expanded efforts in Energy research. Preference will be given to interdisciplinary collaborations, to those proposals with strong energy industry endorsements, cost share and other forms of commitment from home department and college/school, and to proposals demonstrating strong potential for attracting large scale, multi-year, peer reviewed funding. A maximum of $350,000 is available for this round of awards. The maximum allowable request is $50K. Faculty may participate in more than one proposal. Awarded funds must be EXPENDED by December 31, 2007. To this end, we request that your planned project period end November 30, except for student support, which understandably would run to Dec 31 for Fall semester support. Funding may be used for any typical research expense, the only exclusion is faculty summer support.

Review Criteria
Relevance to the grand challenge of Energy
Principal Investigators track record of quality research and external funding
Potential to Attract Large Scale, Multi-year, Peer Reviewed Funding
Potential for Building Sustainable Collaborative Partnerships (Intra and Extra – Purdue)
Strength of Support from Home Department

Eligible Participants
PIs must be Purdue University research faculty, tenure track, or tenured faculty. Tenure track or tenured faculty from other institutions may be included as Co-PIs.

Required Content
Proposal Body (8 page limit; 10 point or larger font, one inch margins)
  • Executive Summary (one page or less)
  • Project deliverables, including interim milestones
  • Background and significance of project (explain collaboration and relationship of individual contributions to the whole)
  • Plan of Research
  • Budget narrative (include detail numbers in appendix; SPS Transmittal Sheet with relevant fields completed will be required if your proposal is selected for funding.)
  • Plans for follow-on funding, including specific candidate agency programs and Requests for Proposals, corporations, foundations, and individuals
  • Relevant and differentiating qualifications of participants

Proposal Appendix
  • Brief CV for each PI
  • Budget Prepared in collaboration with the Energy Center business office (Jeanette Graves x66645)
  • Complete listing of all current and pending support for each PI (sponsor name, project title, amount)
  • Letters documenting matching resources
  • Signature from each participant’s department head and dean authorizing proposal submission.

Deadline
Submit your proposal via e-mail in PDF format to energy@purdue.edu by midnight, November 30, 2006. All proposals will be reviewed by members of the Executive Board of the Energy Center and external referees with potential to fund the proposals. Any conflict of interest for the members of the Executive Board will be managed using standard practices. Awards will be announced prior to December 31, 2006. Questions may be directed to Ron Steuterman [steuterm@purdue.edu or x44437] or Jay Gore [gore@purdue.edu or x42122].