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Corrections

Page: 2
Section: Hearing Impaired

The following information was deleted:

"301-415-5575"

As a result of the change the information now reads as follows:

"301-415-5609"

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Section: Cost Sharing or Matching

The following information was revised: (last sentence deleted)

"Cost sharing is not required for applications requesting up to $100,000.00 total costs (i.e., direct costs plus facilities and administrative costs) per year. However, institutions are encouraged to leverage NRC funding to enhance the educational benefits of the NRC grant. Applications demonstrating such leveraging to further the goals of this announcement will receive additional consideration in the peer review process (see Section V.1). Applications must include a written agreement or letter from the source of the matching funds.

Leveraged (non-Federal funds) funds may be used to build infrastructure in nuclear and nuclear-related disciplines and may include a variety of areas ranging from student support to facility improvements or expansion. For this announcement, leveraging means additional cash contributions that enhance the overall goals of the faculty development program. Up to an additional $50,000.00 is available from NRC provided that the amount is fully matched by the institution (for a maximum total of $200,000.00 per year given full match of $50,000.00 per year from the institution.) The degree of leveraging (cash preferred) will determine the additional scoring credit awarded in the peer review process."

As a result of the change the information now reads as follows:

"Cost sharing is not required for applications requesting up to $100,000.00 total costs (i.e., direct costs plus facilities and administrative costs) per year. However, institutions are encouraged to leverage NRC funding to enhance the educational benefits of the NRC grant. Applications demonstrating such leveraging to further the goals of this announcement will receive additional consideration in the peer review process (see Section V.1). Applications must include a written agreement or letter from the source of the matching funds.

Leveraged (non-Federal funds) funds may be used to build infrastructure in nuclear and nuclear-related disciplines and may include a variety of areas ranging from student support to facility improvements or expansion. For this announcement, leveraging means additional cash contributions that enhance the overall goals of the faculty development program. Up to an additional $50,000.00 is available from NRC provided that the amount is fully matched by the institution (for a maximum total of $200,000.00 per year given full match of $50,000.00 per year from the institution.)"

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Section: Eligible Institutions

The following characteristics were added to the list:

- "Predominately Black Institutions
- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions"

As a result of the change the list of characteristics now reads as follows:

- "Public/State Controlled Institutions of Higher Education
- Private Institutions of Higher Education
- Hispanic-Serving Institutions
- Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs)
- Tribally Controlled Colleges and Universities (TCCUs)

- Alaska Native and Native Hawaiian Serving Institutions
- Predominately Black Institutions
- Asian American and Native American Pacific Islander Serving Institutions"

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Section: Personnel

The following information was revised: (the 5th sentence)

> "Mentoring interactions and other activities with students/participants are considered a regular part of an individual's academic duties, then mentoring and other interactions with students/participants are non-reimbursable from grant funds." has been revised."

As a result of this change the 5th sentence now reads as follows:

> "If mentoring interactions and other activities with students/participants are considered a regular part of an individual's academic duties, then mentoring and other interactions with students/participants are non-reimbursable from grant funds."

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Section: Facilities and Administrative (F&A) Costs

The following information was revised:

> "F&A costs will be calculated using negotiated cost rates in effect at the time of the award. If the rate agreement does not extend to the end of the performance period, the last effective rate will be used to establish the total cost commitment for any remaining future years. A copy of the institution's current rate agreement is required in the application with the budget justification."

As a result of this change the information now reads as follows:

> "A copy of the institution's current rate agreement is required in the application with the budget justification. Recipients will use their negotiated indirect rates. F&A will be allowed in accordance with 2 CFR § 200.306 & 2 CFR § 200.414."

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Section: Full Review Criteria

The following information was revised:

> Applications are evaluated and rated individually by multiple peer reviewers using both Federal and non-Federal experts in the field. **The following criteria items must be**

addressed and clearly labeled. These items are used to evaluate applications using the corresponding weighted value.

1. Capacity and ability of the institution to effectively conduct the program, including quality and feasibility of the recruitment and marketing strategies. **(25 points)**
2. Quality of faculty that will be served by the program. **(20 points)**
3. Feasibility and completeness of an evaluation plan to measure the effectiveness of the faculty development program. **(25 points)**
4. Institutional support for the program and plans for sustainability. **(25 points)**
5. The amount and type of leveraged funding that was initiated due to this announcement. **(5 points)** *To receive total points for this criteria item, a written agreement or commitment letter from nuclear industry partners, national laboratories institution must accompany the application.

As a result of this change the information now reads as follows:

"Applications are evaluated and rated individually by multiple peer reviewers using both Federal and non-Federal experts in the field. **The following criteria items must be addressed and clearly labeled.** These items are used to evaluate applications using the corresponding weighted value.

1. Capacity and ability of the institution to effectively conduct the program, including quality and feasibility of the recruitment and marketing strategies. **(25 points)**
2. Quality of faculty that will be served by the program. **(20 points)**
3. Feasibility and completeness of an evaluation plan to measure the effectiveness of the faculty development program. **(25 points)**
4. Institutional support for the program and plans for sustainability. **(25 points)"**

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Section: Agency Contacts

The following information was deleted:

"301-287-0909"

As a result of this change the information now reads as follows:

"301-415-6869"

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Section: Performance and Financial Monitoring and Reporting

The following information was added to the area just below the Federal Financial Reports section:

"Performance Progress Reports - In accordance with 2 CFR § 200.328, the Recipient will submit Performance Progress Reports (SF-PPR, SF-PPR-B, and the SF-PPR-E) on an semi-annual basis for the period ending September 30, or any portion thereof, unless otherwise authorized by the Grants Officer. Reports are due no later than 30 days following the end of the reporting period. Performance reports are sent to the Program Officer at the email address indicated in the Notice of Award, and to Grants Officer at: Grants_PPR.Resource@NRC.GOV. ***(NOTE: There is an underscore between Grants and PPR).***

Final Reports - The Recipient is required to submit final reports, both Financial (SF-425) and Performance (SF-PPR, SF-PPR-B, SF-PPR-E) within 90 days of the grant expiration. In addition to these reports, a final SF-428, Tangible property report, is also required, if applicable."

As a result of this change the section now reads as follows:

"Federal Financial Reports - The Recipient is required to submit a "Federal Financial Report" (SF-425) on a semi-annual basis for the periods ending March 31, and September 30, or any portion thereof, unless otherwise specified in a special award condition. Reports are due no later than 30 days following the end of each reporting period. A final SF-425 is due within 90 days after expiration of the award. The report should be submitted electronically to: Grants_FFR.Resource@NRC.GOV. ***(NOTE: There is an underscore between Grants and FFR).***

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