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Subject: Fiscal Year 2014 DoD Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI): Equipment/Instrumentation

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The Department of Defense (DoD) announces the Fiscal Year 2014 Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI). The program is designed to enhance the research capabilities of HBCU/MI, as well as science, technology, engineering, and/or mathematics (STEM) education programs of HBCU/MI. The purpose of the funding under this Broad Agency Announcement (BAA) is to support the acquisition of research equipment and instrumentation by HBCU/MI to augment existing capabilities, or to develop new capabilities, in technical areas of interest to the DoD. This includes basic equipment for use in research and education programs, as well as more sophisticated equipment and instrumentation for faculty research. In addition, although the funding provided under this BAA cannot be used for student support, in order to further DoD's objective of attracting students to pursue studies leading to STEM careers, applicants must address the impact of the requested equipment and instrumentation on student participation in research.

DoD intends to award approximately \$7 million under this BAA, subject to the availability of funds. Awards will be in the form of grants, and all awards will be made by the Army Research Office (ARO), as an agent of the ASD(R&E). Individual awards, which will be made for equipment/instrumentation to be acquired and used at the applicant HBCU/MI, may range from \$50,000 to \$500,000. Award decisions will be based on the results of a merit review by DoD scientists and engineers. Awards will be one year in length. The BAA will contain additional information along with instructions for proposal preparation and submission. Proposals must be received through grants.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Friday, June 18, 2014. Please see the following website for further information:

[https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=1ef3797a8b341684d9128e8214349e3d&tab=core&\\_cview=0](https://www.fbo.gov/index?s=opportunity&mode=form&id=1ef3797a8b341684d9128e8214349e3d&tab=core&_cview=0)

**This is a limited competition; No more than two (2) applications are allowed per institution. Please submit your 3-page preproposal (plus budget and CV; all documents in a SINGLE PDF file, 11 point font) by NOON on Wednesday, May 14, 2014 to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) with the subject line indicating: DOD-HBCU/MI - your name.** No late submissions will be considered. The preproposal will be evaluated based on the following: impact of the requested equipment/instrumentation on the institution's ability to conduct research in areas of interest to DoD, either by enhancing current research capabilities or establishing new research capabilities; impact of the requested equipment/instrumentation

on STEM programs of the institution; impact of the requested equipment/instrumentation on student participation in research, including students at the applicant institution and high-school students; and the ability of the institution to operate and maintain the equipment/instrumentation after the end of DoD support; qualifications of the PI and other key personnel to use the requested equipment instrumentation to accomplish the objectives of this BAA.) The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**. The scoring will be weighted as follows: proposal narrative (70%), draft budget overview (15%), and abbreviated PI CV (15%).

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