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Subject: Limited Competition: DoD, Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions Equipment/Instrumentation (W911NF-23-S-0014)

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Dear UNM Researchers,

The objective of the Department of Defense's **Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions** program is to (a) enhance research and education programs and capabilities in scientific and engineering disciplines critical to the national security functions of DoD; (b) enhance the capacity of HBCUs/MIs to participate in DoD research programs and activities; and (c) increase the number of graduates, including underrepresented minorities, in fields of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM). UNM qualifies for this program as a Title V designated Hispanic Serving Institution (HSI). **This solicitation invites applications for acquisition of equipment/instrumentation to be used for research in areas of interest to the DoD Agencies and to enhance the education of students in areas of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) that align with the Agencies' research interests.**

Information about these areas of interest is available at the following websites:

- [Army Research Laboratory / Army Research Office combined Broad Agency Announcement](#)
- [Office of Naval Research FY23 Long Range Broad Agency Announcement for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology](#)
- [Air Force Office of Scientific Research Broad Agency Announcement](#)

Note that applications with relevance to interests of multiple Agencies may receive multiple reviews.

**\*\*Use the above-referenced documents only to identify research areas of interest to the Agencies. Disregard instructions contained therein regarding application preparation, content, and submission requirements. Instead, follow the instructions in [this FOA](#).\*\***

Awards will range from \$100,000 to \$800,000 for a 12-month period. Funding provided under this FOA cannot be used for student support; to further DoD's objective of attracting students to pursue studies leading to STEM careers, applicants must address the impact of the requested equipment/instrumentation on student participation in research. There is no cost share requirement for this award. Additional notes from the solicitation:

1. Applicants that use a “modified total direct costs” base for reimbursement of indirect (facilities and administration) costs are reminded that the costs of equipment are excluded from the base for purposes of indirect cost calculation.
2. An application may request a single item of equipment/instrumentation or multiple items, including items of equipment/instrumentation that comprise a “system” for a common research purpose.
3. All requested items must meet the federal definition of equipment, i.e., an acquisition cost of \$5,000 or more and a useful life of more than one year.
4. General purpose equipment, i.e., equipment whose use is not limited to research/research education, including information technology equipment and software, is not eligible for support under this FOA. However, an application may include a request for computers (i.e., laptops, desktops, tablets, mobile devices, and computer software) to be used in research and research-related education programs, as long as they meet the previous criterion. The purpose and use of such equipment must be fully justified, itemized, and listed under the equipment category, not under “materials/supplies.”
5. All equipment/instrumentation proposed for acquisition must be intended for use in research or research-related education at the applicant institution. No costs may be requested for collaboration with other institutions or purchase of equipment/instrumentation at other institutions.
6. No costs may be requested for user fees, maintenance agreements, or extended warranties.

More details can be found in the program solicitation: <https://www.grants.gov/web/grants/view-opportunity.html?oppId=349307>. The deadline for submitting full proposals to the agency is **September 15, 2023**.

This is a limited competition. **Each institution is limited to THREE applications.** Please submit your 3-page pre-proposal (plus budget and CV; 11-point font) by **NOON on August 1, 2023** via UNM’s [InfoReady Review portal](#). No late submissions will be considered.

The pre-proposal should address the major points that will be included in the proposal narrative including a description of the equipment to be acquired; whether the equipment will augment existing capabilities or provide new capabilities; the area(s) of research and education in which the equipment would be used; how the equipment would advance research of interest to DoD; and how it will enhance the ability of the institution to encourage students to pursue degrees in STEM fields, including how it will be used in research-related education. The narrative should be accompanied by a **draft budget overview** and an **abbreviated PI CV**.

Should you have any questions please feel free to contact us at [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu).

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