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Subject: Fiscal Year 2015 DoD Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI), W911NF-15-R-0002

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The Department of Defense (DoD) announces the Research and Education Program for Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Minority-Serving Institutions (HBCU/MI). The program aims to (a) enhance research programs and capabilities in scientific and engineering disciplines critical to the national security functions of the DoD; (b) enhance the capacity of HBCU/MI 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) important to the defense mission. Basic research proposals (also referred to as “applications”) are requested in areas of scientific interest to three Agencies. Information about these areas is available at the following websites:

Army Research Office:

<http://www.aro.army.mil/> (select “Business” and then “Broad Agency Announcements”). See the most recent ARO Core Broad Agency Announcement for Basic and Applied Scientific Research.

Office of Naval Research: <http://www.onr.navy.mil/> (select "Contracts and Grants" and then "Broad Agency Announcements") See Long Range Broad Agency Announcement for Navy and Marine Corps Science and Technology, ONRBAA15-001

Air Force Office of Scientific Research: See BAA AFOSR-2014-0001 Research Interests of the Air Force Office of Scientific Research available at: <http://www.grants.gov/web/grants/search-grants.html?keywords=BAA-AFOSR-2014-0001>

NOTE: Use the above-referenced documents **only** to identify research areas of interest to the Agencies. Disregard instructions contained therein regarding proposal preparation, content, and submission requirements. Instead, **follow the instructions in this DoD Broad Agency Announcement.**

DoD intends to award approximately \$18 million. All awards will be made by the ARO as project grants. Each grant will be supported at a level up to \$200,000 per 12-month period for a total performance period of 36 months. No applications for renewal or supplemental awards will be considered. Projects must be conducted by a single PI working within his/her institution and include student involvement. There will be no collaborations outside the PI’s institution. Personnel, other than

students, within the applicant institution who assist the PI will be identified as key personnel.

Equipment will not be funded under this BAA. Proposals must be received through Grants.gov no later than 4:00 p.m. Eastern Time on January 15, 2015. Please see the following website for further information:

http://www.arl.army.mil/www/pages/8/FY2015_DoD_HBCUMI_BAA_Research_Education_Nov2015.pdf.

This is a limited competition; No more than three (3) 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 Monday, December 1, 2014 to limited@unm.edu with the subject line indicating: DOD-HBCU/MI Research Program - your name. No late submissions will be considered. The preproposal narrative should include and will be evaluated based on the following: 1) a description of the research to be undertaken, with objectives and approaches to be used and the relationship to the state of knowledge in the field and to related work elsewhere; 2) a description of the nature of anticipated results and, if known, the manner in which the work will contribute to the DoD mission, particularly as it relates to the research interests of the Agencies; and 3) a description of the involvement of undergraduate and/or graduate students in the research effort and an estimate of the number of students who will be involved with the project. 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%).

Please note: A copy of the DoEd letter dated February 2014 or later certifying eligibility for Title III or Title IV assistance must be included with each proposal submitted under this BAA. Otherwise the applicant will be deemed ineligible and DoD will not consider the proposal. Here is a link to the letter: <http://osp.unm.edu/sites/default/files/TitleVLetter2014.pdf>

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