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Subject: Limited Competitions: NSF: Advancing Digitization of Biodiversity Collections (ADBC)
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This program seeks to enhance and expand the national resource of digital data documenting existing vouchered biological and paleontological collections and to advance scientific knowledge by improving access to digitized information (including images) residing in vouchered scientific collections across the United States. The information associated with various collections of organisms, such as geographic, paleogeographic and stratigraphic distribution, environmental habitat data, phenology, information about associated organisms, collector field notes, and tissues and molecular data extracted from the specimens, is a rich resource providing the baseline from which to further biodiversity research and provide critical information about existing gaps in our knowledge of life on earth. The national resource is structured at three levels: a central coordinating organization, a series of thematic networks based on an important research theme, and the physical collections. The national resource builds upon a sizable existing national investment in curation of the physical objects in scientific collections and contributes vitally to scientific research and technology interests in the United States. It will become an invaluable tool in understanding contemporary biological issues and challenges.

More details can be found at

http://www.nsf.gov/publications/pub_summ.jsp?WT.z_pims_id=503559&ods_key=nsf15576. The deadline for full proposals is October 14, 2016.

This is a limited competition; only one Thematic Collections Networks (TCN) proposal may be submitted by any one organization as the lead. If you are interested in submitting a TCN proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a 200-word description via e-mail to limited@unm.edu by **noon, Thursday, September 22, 2016**. Based on the e-mail responses received, the Limited Competition Management Team may announce a call for preproposals. Please distribute this notice to departments and individuals whom you believe would be interested.

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