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The Partnerships for Innovation: Building Innovation Capacity (PFI:BIC) program supports academe-industry partnerships which are led by an interdisciplinary academic research team collaborating with a least one industry partner. In this program, there is a heavy emphasis on the quality, composition, and participation of the partners, including their appropriate contributions. These partnerships focus on the integration of technologies into a specified human-centered service system with the potential to achieve transformational benefits, satisfying a real need by making an existing service system smart(er) or by spurring the creation of an entirely new smart service system. The selected service system should function as a test bed.

\*Minimally Qualifying Industrial Partner. A minimum of one (1) minimally qualifying U.S.-based industrial partner organization must participate on the PFI:BIC proposal. The partner must have commercial revenues that include sales, services, or licensing. Grants and government contracts may contribute to its revenues but may not constitute the entirety of its revenues.

Awards may be up to a total budget of \$1,000,000 with an award duration of three (3) years. More details can be found at <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2016/nsf16591/nsf16591.htm>. The required letter of intent is due October 14, 2016. The deadline for full proposals is November 16, 2016.

**This is a limited competition; each institution is limited to two proposals.** If you are interested in submitting a proposal, send a statement of interest with a tentative project title and a 200-word description. In the description provide a list of primary industrial partners and identify the application area to which the smart service system innovation is to be initially directed, i.e., the test bed. Send your statement of interest via e-mail to [limited@unm.edu](mailto:limited@unm.edu) by **noon, Friday, September 9, 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.

This is a link to register for the upcoming NSF PFI:BIC webinars:  
<http://www.nsf.gov/eng/iip/pfi/bic.jsp>

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