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April 8, 2004

MEMORANDUM

TO: Directors, Offices of Research

FROM: E. Joseph Savoie
Commissioner of Higher Education

RE: 1. Out-of-State Consultants' Reports and Funding Recommendations for Proposals Submitted under the Board of Regents Support Fund Programs, FY 2003-04

2. **April 23, 2004 DEADLINE** for Campus Responses to Funding Stipulations Contained in Enclosed Reports

Enclosed are twelve reports from out-of-state consultants which recommend funding for proposals submitted in FY 2003-04 under Board of Regents Support Fund programs. The Board is expected to act on these recommendations, as well as on campus requests for matching funds to endow professorships, at its meeting of April 22, 2004.

IMPORTANT NOTE: REPORTS 1 THROUGH 12 ARE NOW AVAILABLE ON THE INTERNET AT <http://www.laregents.org>. ACTION BY THE BOARD OF REGENTS IS REQUIRED BEFORE FUNDING IS ASSURED FOR ANY OF THE PROPOSALS RECOMMENDED THEREIN.

ENDOWED CHAIRS PROGRAM:

Report 1

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM:

Report 2 Industrial Ties Research Subprogram

Report 3 Research Competitiveness Subprogram

ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM:

Report 4 Undergraduate Enhancement Program

Report 5 Traditional Enhancement Program: Multi-disciplinary

Report 6 Traditional Enhancement Program: Agricultural Sciences

Report 7 Traditional Enhancement Program: Arts

Report 8 Traditional Enhancement Program: Earth/Environmental Sciences

Report 9 Traditional Enhancement Program: Engineering A

Report 10 Traditional Enhancement Program: Health and Medical Sciences

Report 11 Enhancement Education Program

Report 12 Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions

GRADUATE FELLOWS:

Report 13 (to be transmitted on April 12, 2004)

Relative to the Endowed Chairs report, affected campuses should note that the following stipulation in the Board's Request for Proposals #2003-11 must be applied to the 21 proposals which were reviewed under the Competitive Endowed Chairs Program and the two proposals submitted under the Restricted Bequests Program.

... When requests exceed funds available, the following limitations apply relative to the amount of money that will be awarded per campus under the competitive program:

(a) each public campus will be limited to \$1.2 million per fiscal year; and (b) all LAICU campuses combined will be limited to a total of \$1.2 million per fiscal year.

Assuming that \$3.2 million is available to the Endowed Chairs for Eminent Scholars Program in FY 2003-04, application of the above will mean that the two restricted bequests proposals and the proposals ranked one through six will be funded.

Campuses with projects recommended for funding should note that, in some instances, reviewers recommended modifications in the budgetary level and/or institutional matching commitment. **All institutions with proposals recommended for funding must inform the Sponsored Programs Section in writing no later than 4:30 P.M., Friday April 23, 2004, if any of the following conditions apply:**

1. Difficulties are foreseen in adjusting to the recommended modification in funding levels, institutional matching requirements, or other stipulations set forth in these reports;

NOTE: If budgets have been reduced with no indication of the manner in which the reduction should/must be accomplished, the principal investigator/project director will be allowed to reduce the budget as he/she deems most appropriate to accomplish the objectives set forth in the proposal as originally submitted.

2. There has been a change in the employment status of any individual listed as a lead principal investigator, or of any other individual named in the application who is critical to the successful completion of the proposed work;
3. The same or a very similar project has already been funded or will be funded in the near future from another source; and/or
4. Problems exist, or funding stipulations have been recommended, that cannot be resolved within the next few weeks, and which, therefore, might preclude the Board's being able to award the Support Fund money by June 30, 2004, or at all. Typical problems of this type include but are not limited to: (a) the institution's inability to fulfill a promised institutional matching commitment, as set forth in the proposal; or (b) the Support Fund award being contingent upon the applicant's success in securing additional funding from, for example, a Federal agency or an industry.

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Institutions with proposals recommended for funding for which none of the preceding conditions apply must ALSO provide written assurance that (a) no problems will exist if the proposal(s) recommended are funded in the manner and at the budgetary levels stipulated by the consultants; and (b) the commitments made by applicant(s) and the institution, as set forth in the original proposal(s), will be met. These responses are also due in writing no later than April 23, 2004.

We strongly prefer that your office coordinate and submit all responses from your institution. This enables us to give you the maximum amount of time available (i.e., until April 23) to submit your responses.

ALL RESPONSES MUST BE MAILED VIA U.S. MAIL, FAXED, or E-MAILED TO:

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Perusal of these reports also results in the following observations, some of which are unique to the particular circumstances of this fiscal year:

1. No Priority II projects will be funded this year from either of the Research and Development Subprograms (Reports 2 and 3). We do believe, however, that money will be available to fund each of the top 12 ITRS Priority I projects and the top forty (40) RCS Priority I projects at the levels recommended by consultants.
2. We anticipate that money will be available to fund all Priority I Traditional and Undergraduate Enhancement proposals, as well as Priority I Education Enhancement and Enhancement Program for Two-Year Institutions proposals (Reports 4 through 12) at the levels recommended by consultants. We do not anticipate that funds will be available for any Priority II Enhancement projects.

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The effective date of contracts for funded projects will be June 1, 2004. Applicants whose projects are funded will be informed as quickly as possible after the April Board meeting of the items required for their contracts.

If you have any questions about this memorandum or the attached consultants' reports, please feel free to call Dr. Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs, or Mr. Wallin at (225) 342-4253.

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