

**MEMORANDUM**

**TO:** Chief Research Officers  
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**FROM:** Richard J. Hoffmann

**DATE:** April 11, 2011

**RE:** Competitive Distribution of NRI One-Time Equipment Funding

We intend to provide one-time funding this year for specific multi-user campus research equipment to upgrade existing core research facilities (whether supported by the Nebraska Research Initiative or not) related to the NRI principles of supporting new research efforts that are linked to economic development. We ask that you submit proposals for one-time funding for equipment with a value greater than \$500,000 this year that address one or more of the following needs:

- Enhancement of the equipment of existing core facilities
- Unusual multi-user equipment opportunities that will enhance our research capabilities or infrastructure

Each campus may seek funding through a brief proposal that should include a justification (approximately three pages) and a budget. In addition to the main proposal, include brief descriptions of the specific research projects for which the desired equipment would be used by the faculty members who would use the equipment. Include c.v.s that include information about external grant funding history (not including NRI) for all faculty members who describe these projects. For projects to receive funding there must be a strong relationship to the potential for economic development.

Preference will be given to proposals for equipment that serve the needs of many faculty. Requests for equipment specialized for only one discipline will have lower priority.

In the event your campus forwards more than one proposal, your proposals must be placed in campus priority order.

Please submit proposals to the Provost's Office by **May 15, 2011**.

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Attachment: RFP