

# Request for Proposals

## GLRCE American Recovery and Reinvestment Act Supplement

**Issue Date:** April 15, 2009

**Application Deadline:** May 4, 2009

**Approximate Award Date:** June, 2009

### **Purpose:**

The GLRCE is eligible to receive support from the recently signed American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA). All areas of investigation that are suitable for GLRCE funding (as outlined in the RFA AI-08-002) are eligible for support with these funds including proof of principle work, product oriented studies, and basic research.

To qualify for support through the ARRA, projects must be exceptionally innovative. The research must demonstrate that it is of high risk but has the potential for high payoff if successful. It is expected that while these “out of the box” projects entail greater than the usual degree of scientific risk, they hold the potential for delivering transformational results or paradigm shifts. While the funding for these projects will terminate no more than two years after the award, it is expected that many of them will be able to continue with support from other sources.

### **Eligibility:**

The Principal Investigator must reside within Region V States (Illinois, Indiana, Michigan, Minnesota, Ohio and Wisconsin). Collaborators may reside outside the region. Foreign components are not allowed. Previous experience in the fields of biodefense or emerging infectious diseases is not required, and there is no requirement that the proposed research align with the thematic goals of the GLRCE. Proposals that were previously included in applications in response to RFA AI-08-002 are not eligible, and existing RCE projects may not be supplemented. Minorities, women and individuals with disabilities are encouraged to apply.

### **Award Specifics:**

A project should request a minimum of \$200,000 in direct costs per year for one or two years. All funds must be spent by the end of the award period. No clinical trials will be supported, and any involvement of human subjects must not entail more than minimal risk.

## Application Process

Application deadline is 5:00 pm, **May 4, 2009**. Please use current NIH PHS-398 forms available at <http://grants.nih.gov/grants/funding/phs398/phs398.html>, and include only the following:

- Form Page 1: Face Page, institutional signatures not required. If the application is selected for award, we will request formal institutional signatures at that time.
- Dates of proposed period of support should be one or two years starting June 2009.
- Form Page 2: Summary, Relevance, etc.
- Form Page 4: Detailed Budget for Initial Funding Period.
- Form Page 5: Budget for Entire Period (up to 2 years) and justification
- Biographical Sketch and Research Support for all Key Personnel
- Research Plan (5 pages maximum): Include Specific Aims, Background and Significance, Preliminary Studies (not required), and Research Design/Methods. Clearly identify why the proposed research is highly innovative and addresses major challenges.
- Include Protection of Human Subjects, Targeted/Planned Enrollment Tables, Vertebrate Animals, and Select Agent Research/Biohazard sections, as appropriate. Projects with inadequate sections addressing protection of human subjects or use of vertebrate animals will not be considered.
- Checklist

Original and 6 copies of the application should be sent to the address below:

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