NCI Guidance for Administrative Supplements for NCI Alliance for Nanotechnology in Cancer Grants and Cooperative Agreements

Title: NCI Alliance for Nanotechnology in Cancer Administrative Supplements to support efforts in the use of nanomaterials, nanotechnology tools, and devices towards applications in prevention, diagnosis, and therapy of cancer.

Announcement Number: NOT-OD-09-056 NIH Announces the Availability of Recovery Act Funds for Administrative Supplements.

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Receipt Date: June 1, 2009

Program Overview:

This initiative is one of several being offered by National Cancer Institute (NCI) to help fulfill the goals of the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act (ARRA) by specifically targeting job creation and retention through pursuing cancer nanotechnology research currently being conducted under funding of these awards.

Applicants are strongly encouraged to hire scientific and technical personnel that have been most impacted by the economic recession to help stimulate the economy through support of biomedical and behavioral research. Additional information the Recovery Act and related NIH opportunities is available through the Office of Extramural Research.

Application Guidelines:

This announcement lists additional items which must be included in all NCI Alliance for Nanotechnology in Cancer (U54 and R01) administrative supplement requests. Please see NCI General Guidance for ARRA Funded Administrative Supplements for submission instructions.

Applicants are encouraged to review NIH Announcement Number NOT-09-056 for guidance on how to prepare an administrative supplement request under the Recovery Act.

Funds Available:

The NCI will commit up to \$4 million in fiscal year 2009 to fund awards under this announcement.

Eligibility:

NCI Alliance for Nanotechnology in Cancer R01 grant awardees (<u>RFA-CA-05-026</u>) and U54 cooperative agreement awardees (<u>RFA-CA-05-024</u>) are encouraged to apply for administrative supplements.

- Awardees of R01 grants may receive a maximum of ONE supplement per grant.
- Awardees of U54 cooperative agreements may receive a maximum of THREE supplements per cooperative agreement.
- Grants and cooperative agreement applicants may request supplements for up to 2 years of funding.
- The current program (described herein) is for administrative supplements, which may NOT be used to expand the scope of a project.

Receipt Date:

Applications must be submitted electronically no later than **June 1, 2009**, and can be submitted on a rolling basis starting immediately.

Budgets and Project Periods:

- Applicants may propose budgets up to \$200K (total costs) per year for 1-2 years (\$400K maximum).
- Eligible costs include salary, fringe, indirect costs for new FTEs (i.e., personnel costs only) and materials.
- Costs for instrumentation (less than \$100K) may be submitted as a separate supplement request which does NOT count against the maximum number of supplements per grant.

Application Review:

Administrative supplement requests will not undergo peer review. They will be
reviewed for scientific merit and meeting of the ARRA goals by a panel
consisting of Center for Scientific and Strategic Initiatives (CSSI) program
staff with expertise relevant to the supplement request. Requests will undergo
initial administrative review by grants management staff from the NCI Office
of Grants Administration (including the Grants Management Specialist
assigned to the parent grant) to ensure administrative eligibility and that all
required items are submitted.

- Specific review criteria will include the following:
 - Merit of proposed science
 - Reasonableness of proposed costs for proposed research
 - ARRA job creation and retention criteria:
 - Supplement will accelerate the research proposed in the parent grant
 - Supplement will enable hiring of additional staff
 - o Supplement will enable increased hours of current part-time staff
 - o Supplement enables recruitment for additional skills
- The funding decision will be provided within 8-10 weeks of application submission.

Award Date: Awards will be made by September 30, 2009.

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