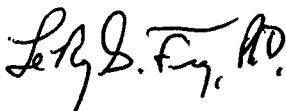


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Memorandum

Date: May 7, 2009
From: Chief, Program Review Division (121F)
Subj: Changes in the BLR&D and CSR&D Career Development Program
To: Research and Development Offices (151)

1. In order to improve proposal review efficiency, the Career Development letter of intent (LOI) and proposal submission cycles are being changed for BLR&D and CSR&D.
2. Applications due on June 15, 2009 will be reviewed on the current schedule for the Fall 2009 cycle, and the June 15, 2009 deadline counts as one of the three cycles of "eligibility" for approved LOIs.
3. Subsequently, the due dates for proposals will be September 1 and March 1 with the LOI due dates being June 15 and December 15, respectively.
4. To transition to the new cycle, LOIs will be accepted June 15, 2009 for proposal submission September 1, 2009. There is no change to the LOI submission process.
5. Please also note that the June 15, 2009 LOI deadline will be the last cycle that BLR&D and CSR&D will accept LOIs for applications at the CDA-1 level.
6. The mechanism for BLR&D and CSR&D Career Development proposal submission for cycles after June 15, 2009 will be announced at a later date.
7. The ORD website will be updated as soon as possible with this information. Questions should be directed to me at leroy.frey@va.gov or 202 461-1664.



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