

FAQs for HSR&D PILOT PROGRAM SOLICITATION-2009

Q1. In Section 9, e, the solicitations states the following regarding Center eligibility for projects; however, the COE solicitation referenced does not provide details. What is the specific impact to Center eligibility criteria for funded projects?

Solicitation states:

Impact on HSR&D Research Centers. *Approved pilot project funding will be considered toward HSR&D Research Centers (Centers of Excellence [CoE] and Research Enhancement Award Programs [REAP]) eligibility according to HSR&D criteria (<http://www.research.va.gov/funding/solicitations/docs/2009-CoE-HSRD.pdf>).*

Answer. The following are the specific project minimum criteria for currently funded Centers in FY 2009. These requirements will be used during the administrative review of the Annual Reports and funding evaluations annually. For Centers submitting proposals for the May Center of Excellence (CoE) review (re-competition or as potential new sites), these criteria will not be used as requirements for eligibility to submit.

Center of Excellence~ total of **6** funded unique PIs = **5** funded unique PIs **plus 1** additional project, Career Development Awardee, or pilot program PI.

*Specifically, CoEs must have a minimum of **four** VA HSR&D funded PIs engaged in research projects (IIR, SDR, QUERI, or special solicitations), and **two** or more of the following types of funded PIs for a total of **six**:

- a. Additional VA HSR&D funded PI engaged in research projects (IIR, SDR, QUERI, or special solicitations)
or
- b. HSR&D Career Development Awardee
or
- c. Pilot program PI

Research Enhancement Award Programs~ **3** funded unique PIs to receive minimum funding and **4** funded unique PIs to receive maximum REAP funding.

*Specifically, REAPS must meet the following Center eligibility criteria for funding:

- a. To receive \$250,000 minimum core funding REAPs must have a combination of **three** VA HSR&D funded PIs including **two** IIR, SDR, QUERI, special solicitations and **one** additional project or Career Development Awardee
- b. To receive \$300,000 maximum core funding REAPs must have a total of **four** VA HSR&D funded PIs that could include;
 - i. **Two or three** IIR, SDR, QUERI, or special solicitations plus **one** additional project **or one** Career Development Awardee
or

- ii. **Two or three** IIR, SDR, QUERI, or special solicitations plus **one** additional project or **one** funded pilot PI
or
- iii. **Two** IIR, SDR, QUERI, or special solicitations plus **one** Career Development Awardee and **one** funded pilot program PI

Q2. What is the deadline for pilot project submission?

Answer. The deadlines are the same as the IIR schedule for the Intent to Submit and Proposal Submission due dates. Please see the HSR&D submission calendar for details at <http://www.hsrd.research.va.gov/funding/submission-calendar.cfm> or contact Noelle Newman at Noelle.Newman@va.gov with specific concerns.

Q3. How many sites are permitted in a pilot for a multi-site project?

Answer. There is no limit on the number of sites that can participate in a pilot study. However, the one year length requirement may make multi-site pilots infeasible. Generally, a limited pilot would precede a full multi-site trial.