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Q: We are interested in applying to the Viceroy proposal. In order to better process internally for approval, can you please let me know the prime source of funding and what kind of award it is (contract, grant, etc.)?

A: Prime source of funding is Department of Defense. Griffiss Institute will award a sub contract.

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Q: 1.Is the \$1.5 million cap for direct costs and therefore we can add institutionally approved indirect costs, 53% facilities and administrative costs, above that?

- 2. To what extend is PhD and MS level training encouraged vs. bachelor's degrees?
- 3. Can PhD students be trainee participants for which an institution does not charge indirect costs (facilities & administration fees), much like an NSF or NIH Training Program?
- 4. What fraction of the work should be dedicated toward ROTC cadets, and what fraction to civilian students?

Q: Per the announcement, "It is highly recommended that this lead institution be classified as having "very high research activity," per the Carnegie Classification of Institutes of Higher Education, and a demonstrated history of successfully conducting research under government contract." Is it a hard requirement that the lead University be an R1 (very high research activity) institution? Would a consortium (comprising both R1 and R2 institutions) led by an R2 institution be ineligible to submit to the VICEROY program?

Q: The solicitation indicates that student participants are highly encouraged to attend the Griffiss Institute summer internship program. Additionally, the solicitation says that "additional experiential learning opportunities in the form of student internships and co-operative student arrangements in partnership with national industry and government facilities will be executed and funded by the GI." Does this mean that the GI will fund students attending the GI summer internship program, or do we need to include funds for this in our budget?

Q: What should be considered as a start date range, e.g., as early as March 1, 2021, as late as August or September 2021? Is it anticipated that VICEROY program grants will be renewable?

Q: The RFP mentions support of cyber education in regional school systems and up to five institutions. We currently are targeting Washington State University (WSU), the University of Idaho (UI) and Montana State University (MSU). We want to make sure we do not cross over into what may be considered as another region. Would WSU, UI and MSU be considered the same region? We are all in the Pacific Northwest, but we want to make sure. Is the \$1.5 million total costs or costs before adding university indirect costs?

We have internship commitment letters from the Keyport Naval Undersea Warfare Command, two National Labs and several Industries. Can we append these letters to the 10-page proposal? Are there guidelines on font size, e.g., 12pt Times Roman, and margins, e.g., 1", font sizes for figure captions and tables, etc.?

Per the VICEROY announcement, up to one consortium award + will be made per region, as defined by the NCAE-C program. Must all members of a proposed VICEROY Institute be within the same region, or will the lead institution's location determine the region of a proposed VI? We are part of an existing consortium comprising institutions from various regions.

Are there specific forms (cover sheet, budget and budget justification, bio sketches) that should be used for the proposal submission?





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