

## *Solicitation to Host the 2010 MSIRP Conference*

The **Minority-Serving Institutions' Research Partnership (MSIRP) Conference** is an effort by leaders at Historically Black, Hispanic Serving, and Tribal Colleges and Universities (also known as MSIs) to build their internal capacities for large-scale grant, contracting, and subcontracting opportunities. The Partnership aims to forge effective and mutually beneficial partnership and teaming agreements between MSIs and small businesses, non-profits, professional associations, large corporations, and government agencies. These partnerships encompass wide-ranging collaborations in applied academic research, technology transfer, commercialization, entrepreneurial development, and intellectual property management. The Partnership's two main elements include the nascent *MSIRP Consortium* and the *MSIRP Annual Conference*.

This solicitation seeks a Minority Serving Institution to serve as host and lead organizer for the 2010 conference. While it is desirable for the university to have participated in previous MSIRP Conferences, it is not required. The university must:

- Demonstrate previous experience with planning/hosting large scaled conferences
- Have a track record of successfully garnering grants and is actively seeking contracts and entrepreneurship opportunities.
- Have the appropriate infrastructure, both human resources and facilities, available at the university to manage a conference of this magnitude. This should include at a minimum the following departments: Sciences, Business, Public Policy and Engineering/Tech.

### Benefits to the University

Opportunity to showcase the capabilities of the University at the federal, state, and local levels (add here)

Interested organizations may submit their capabilities and qualifications to perform the effort in writing to the identified point of contact not later than the end of business day, August, 31 2008

The Institution must provide a 3-5 page proposal outlining the following:

- Previous Conference Planning experience
- Plan/Strategy of soliciting sponsorship
- A letter of commitment/support from an Authorized Signatory of the University must accompany the proposal.
- Be willing to subcontract to a conference co-coordinator if necessary.

The proposal should be forwarded to the following MSIRP Board member.

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