

**MEMORANDUM**

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**FROM:** Andrew Comrie, Ph.D.  
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**RE:** **Science Foundation Arizona – Support for Statewide Proposal Preparation**

**DATE:** August 11, 2009

Science Foundation Arizona has offered to support statewide proposal preparation for major federal and foundation funding larger than \$5 million a year. Our understanding is that this is not a formal RFP listed on the SFAz website and that statewide in this case means clear collaboration with the other Arizona universities (at least one, preferably both) and with actual or potential links to industry. The goal is to stimulate transformative research and strategic partnerships bringing together PIs at the three universities in the areas of Information and Communications Technology, Sustainable Systems, and Biomedical Research. SFAz will invest up to \$500K to prepare up to 5 major statewide proposals so that Arizona will have an advantage in competitions for stimulus and other major funding. Funding opportunities with application deadlines in approximately the next 6-9 months would be good candidates.

The pre-proposal should consist of no more than a two-page summary of the proposed program and address the following:

- a statement of the problem
- the impact the research will have on the problem
- a description the research program, the project plan and key team members

- clear evidence of collaboration and partnership with the other two universities must also be presented as well as potential for partnership with industry, institutions, and foundations

Please submit pre-proposals to Angela Repp in the Office of the Vice President for Research by **Monday, August 31, 2009**. Proposals should be ranked by the Dean of each college. Pre-proposals that are selected will be need to be expanded into 5-page proposals for subsequent submission to SFAz, likely in mid-September.