



2017 Request for Pre-Proposals



NASA in Kansas

Kansas NASA EPSCoR Program Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN)

The Kansas NASA EPSCoR Program (KNEP) is seeking pre-proposals for eventual submission to a NASA Cooperative Agreement Notice (CAN). The CAN opportunity includes up to \$750,000 in funding for three years. All NASA EPSCoR monies must be cost-shared at a level of at least 50% with non-federal monies. In-kind cost-sharing is allowable.

The CAN efforts must:

- Contribute to and promote the development of research capability in NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions (e.g., Kansas) in areas of strategic importance to the NASA mission;
- Improve the capabilities of the NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions to gain support from sources outside the NASA EPSCoR program;
- Develop partnerships between NASA research assets, academic institutions, and industry;
- Contribute to the overall research infrastructure, science and technology capabilities, higher education, and economic development of NASA EPSCoR jurisdictions; and
- Work in close coordination with the Space Grant consortium in the jurisdiction to improve the environment for science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) education.

Interested investigators submit pre-proposals directly to KNEP (not NASA). The KNEP due date is **noon January 27, 2017**. Following reviews, KNEP will recommend two (2) pre-proposal for final preparation and submission to NASA (in mid-March).

KNEP selections are competitive and based on criteria clearly identified in the NASA CAN announcement (especially section 8.0 Proposal Evaluation Criteria). Be sure to address fundamental EPSCoR objectives (e.g., respond to NASA priorities, build national competitiveness, establish NASA partnerships, economic development, education, etc.).

KNEP will work to secure additional funding from the state of Kansas to help meet cost-share requirements. However, given state funding uncertainties and the short timeline imposed by NASA, investigators should aggressively pursue all needed cost-sharing funds on their own from other sources. Investigators will be notified, through their institutional representative, if KNEP is able to secure additional funding to help meet matching requirements.

There is a 20-page limit for all pre-proposal content (no exceptions). Use one-inch margins, a 12-pt times new roman font, and single-spaced text. Proposals must include the signature of the submitting Organization's Authorizing Official.

Submit a single pre-proposal document in PDF-format (less than 2-MB in size) to the KNEP director, via Email (scott.miller@wichita.edu), **by noon January 27, 2017**.

To access a copy of the NASA CAN document, go to <http://nspires.nasaprs.com> and click on Open Solicitations. If necessary, you can also contact the KNEP Program Coordinator (linda.cory@wichita.edu) or visit the NASA in Kansas web site (www.NASAINKansas.org) to get a copy of the CAN.

Feel free to Email or call the KNEP director, Scott Miller (scott.miller@wichita.edu & 316-978-6334), with any other questions.