



Plenary Session

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**NSF Research Infrastructure Improvement
(RII) Track-1 Grant Competition
(Research Themes)**

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Oklahoma Selection Criteria

Applicants should make a case that their project is:

- Consonant with Oklahoma's Science & Technology Plan.
- Will build infrastructure that creates strategic fidelity and adds value at the institutional, jurisdictional and regional levels in research, education and innovation.
- A multi-disciplinary, multi-campus project that includes compelling outreach components.

Budget Considerations

- NSF budget: \$4 million per year
- Period of support: 60 months
- State match: 20%
- Partition of funds will be approximately 40% for outreach, external engagement, management activities and 60% for research theme(s)

Institutional Commitments

In view of the requirement for **sustained** infrastructure improvement, institutions should provide commitments for hiring new tenure-track faculty or an alternative but equally compelling form of commitment. These commitments **should** be included in the white paper.

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- The following process will be used to rank the Oklahoma Track-1 preproposals.
- White Paper. Formal application for inclusion in Oklahoma's 2012 Track-1 application will require submission of a White Paper to the Oklahoma EPSCoR Advisory Committee. The deadline for submission of the White Paper is Friday, January 6, 2012 at 5:00 p.m. White papers should be routed through the sponsored research offices of the submitting institutions. The White Paper should be submitted electronically to Valerie Pogue (vpogue@okepsc.org).
- The White Paper narrative is limited to no more than 6 pages, with one-inch margins (left, right, top, bottom) using 12-point type. Please include a cover page (not counted against the 6-page limit) listing a title for the project, the names, email addresses and phone numbers for all lead Oklahoma scientists, as well as the participating institutions within Oklahoma.

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- In addition to the 6-page narrative (see below), the White Paper should include curriculum vitae in the NSF format for the lead investigator(s). A brief description of the project budget should also be provided.
- The 6-page narrative (5 pages for research theme, 1 page for outreach) should describe the project in language that is generally understandable to the diverse group of scientists and others represented on the EPSCoR Committee (see membership list on the EPSCoR website: <http://okepsc.org>). The narrative should include a description of the project objectives, the methods by which these objectives will be accomplished, how the project fits both NSF and State goals, the qualifications of the project team, any institutional commitments that will enable completion of the project goals, and the facilities and resources that are available as well as those that will be needed to attain project objectives.

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- **Ranking Meeting.** The White Papers will be distributed to the State EPSCoR Advisory Committee for their consideration. On February 17, 2012, applicants will be afforded the opportunity to make an oral presentation to the EPSCoR Committee. Each group will be given 20 minutes for their presentation. Following the presentations, the Committee will convene in Executive Session to rank the white papers and then select the RII Track-1 research theme(s). Presenters will be informed of the status of their white papers by Feb. 27, 2012.

Plan for 2012 RII Competition Track-1 Summary

- Plenary meeting: 5 minute presentations – Thurs., Nov. 17, 2011
- Project teams submit white papers – Friday, Jan. 6, 2012
- Oral presentations to OK EPSCoR Comm. – Friday, Feb. 17, 2012
- Project(s) selected by OK EPSCoR Comm. – End of Feb. 2012
- NSF Releases RFA – Summer 2012
- Oklahoma proposal submitted – October/November 2012

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