SPONSOR: Idaho Department of Commerce

PROGRAM: FY20 Idaho Global Entrepreneurial Mission (IGEM) Grant Program – Round 2 (January 2020 deadline)

LIMITED SUBMISSION DESCRIPTION: Only proposals approved by the Office of Technology Transfer may be submitted to this program. For such approval, proposals must meet all requirements stated in the RFP, in this announcement, and in the implementing laws and regulations related to this state grant program.

AWARD: There is no limit on individual grant amounts; however, projects typically range between $250K-400K.

OVERVIEW: The Research and Faculty Development (RFD) team in the Office of Research and Economic Development invites eligible faculty members to submit a Notice of Intent (NOI) indicating their interest in submitting an application to the Idaho Department of Commerce Global Entrepreneurial Mission (IGEM-Commerce) Grant Program. The University of Idaho can submit multiple applications to this program; however, the Office of Research and Economic Development will conduct a limited submission internal review to select the most competitive proposal(s) to be submitted to the IGEM program. Interested individuals must first submit a Notice of Intent (instructions below) by Monday, October 7, 2019, at 5:00 p.m. PT.

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION SPECIFIC TO THIS PROGRAM: The mission of the IGEM-Commerce program is to advance new technologies, scientific developments, and/or industry changing services to commercialization. Commercialization is the process of transforming concepts, prototypes, and services into viable market products. IGEM accomplishes its mission by strategically sponsoring commercialization research at Idaho’s public universities. To be eligible for an IGEM-Commerce grant, an established partnership must exist between an Idaho public research university (BSU, ISU, and UI) and an industry partner(s). This partnership must be focused on leveraging research to advance the new technology, product, service, etc.

All IGEM-Commerce proposals must:
• Comprise an established partnership between at least one company and UI (additional collaboration with BSU, and/or ISU is also encouraged);
• Propose to research and/or develop a product or service; and
• Propose to commercialize (bring to market) the research outcomes produced by the university in collaboration with the industry partner(s).

Important Industry Partner Requirements**: All proposals must have an Industry Partner and “all approved awards are required to include a monetary or in-kind contribution from the Industry Partner.” [IDAPA §28.02.07 (301)]. As defined, an Industry Partner “designs, produces, or sells goods or services or that contractually agrees to undertake such acts in connection with technologies licensed or otherwise transferred to the entity by a University.” [IDAPA §28.02.07(010.07)].

Specifically, Industry Partners on IGEM proposal are required to:
• Make a contribution to the project, whether monetary or in-kind;
• Contribute market information, business and strategic plans, and other required information to the proposal;
• Present before the IGEM-Commerce Council, if the proposed project is selected for in-person review; and
• Negotiate with UI in good faith to license and commercialize the research outputs of the IGEM-Commerce funded project.

**Please note: NO MONEY CAN GO TO THE INDUSTRY PARTNER – not in the proposed budget, not in a sub-contract, not in a consulting agreement.

Key Submission Dates:
- 10/07/2019 NOI due to RFD
- 10/28/2019 White paper due to RFD
- 11/15/2019 Internal Awardees Notified
- 01/10/2020 Full proposal due in VERAS
- 01/24/2020 Full proposal due to AGENCY

How to submit NOI:
1. Go to the RFD Notice of Intent (NOI) portal.
2. Project Title: Enter a draft proposal title.
3. Program: Choose “Other.”
4. Name of Program: Enter the name of the sponsor and program, using this format: “ID COMMERCE/IGEM”
5. Click “Request.”

Questions or comments? Email Office of Technology Transfer at tamsen@uidaho.edu.