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Welcome to the Industry / University Cooperative Research Centers

## **Presentation Outline**

- IIP Organization Chart
- I/UCRC program
  - Mission & Vision
  - Benefits to sponsors
  - Center status & a few success stories
  - Typical organization for a Center
- Membership agreement
- NSF funding
- I/UCRC tools & LIFE forms
- Next steps for CAPN



# **I/UCRC: Mission and Vision**

### Mission:

- To contribute to the nation's research infrastructure base by developing long-term partnerships among industry, academe and government
- To leverage NSF funds with industry to support graduate students performing industrially relevant research

### Vision:

 To expand the innovation capacity of our nation's competitive workforce through partnerships between industries and universities



NSF Industry/University Cooperative Research (I/UCRC) Program

## Member Composition 2004-2008



Categories comprising Others include: non-profit, non-US government, and other organization

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# What does an I/UCRC offer?

- Industry driven R&D projects
- Leveraging relatively small investment to reap far greater return via consortium-style research center
- Interaction with other key players in industry, peers and customers
- Access to intellectual property
- Access to pre-publication technical papers
- Access to world class facilities and researchers
- Access to students
- Transfer of research results to serve industry projects and products



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## **Industry/University Cooperative Research Centers**

### ENG Multi-University Centers

- 1. Advanced Forestry
- 2. Computational Materials Design
- 3. Dielectrics
- 4. Friction STIR Processing
- 5. Fuel Cells
- 6. Laser and Plasma for Adv. Mfg.
- 7. Logistics and Distribution
- 8. Membranes
- 9. Minimally Invasive Diagnostics
- 10. Precision Forming
- 11. Smart Vehicles
- 12. Water and Environmental Technology
- 13. Telecommunications
- 14. Silicon Solar
- **15.** Particulate and Surfactants
- **16.** Advanced Cutting Tools
- 17. Health Organization & Transformation
- 18. Sustainable Iron & Steel
- **19.** Small Satellite Technology
- 20. Bioenergy
- 21. Electromagnetic Compatibility
- 22. Composites Infrastructure
- 23. Grid-Connected Advanced Power Electronic Systems
- 24. Multiphase Transport Phenomena

### **CISE Multi-University Centers**

- 1. e-Design
- 2. Cyber Protection
- 3. Experimental Computer Systems
- 4. Identification
- 5. Intelligent Maintenance
- 6. Reconfigurable Computers
- 7. Search & Rescue Robots
- 8. Wireless Internet
- 9. Autonomic Computing
- 10. Embedded Systems
- 11. Net-Centrics Systems
- 12. Advanced Knowledge Enablement
- **13.** Hybrid Multi-Core Productivity
- 14. Intelligent Storage

### Single University Centers

- 1. Bio-catalysis and Bio-processing of Macromolecules
- 2. Biomolecular Interaction
- 3. Electronic Micro-Cooling
- 4. Child Injury Studies
- 42 Active Centers & 116 sites in FY 2009; excludes the ones that will "graduate" in FY 2009

## **I/UCRC: A Few Success Stories**

- The 'Water Village' is located at The University of Arizona Environmental Research Laboratory and consists of a number of buildings, each with a unique research focus related to water and wastewater treatment and distribution. The Water Village is a critical asset to the City of Tucson Water utility.
- Supercomputer Novo-G (the most powerful reconfigurable computer that can rearrange its internal circuitry to suit the task at hand) developed at the University of Florida (CHREC)
- CELDi developed an excel-based simulator to replicate the functionality of the Sam's Club logistics software, resulting in over a 4% reduction in inventory costs in categories to which the settings were applied
- A consortium member of CFSP has used the research data from the Center to costeffectively construct the internal superstructure of a combat (naval) ship



### Industry/University Cooperative Research Center Sites (Sept 2008)

Each red circle indicates where one or more research sites are located. For example, A "4" in a red circle indicates that four sites are at that location. The purple cone represents director diversity at a given location. This map includes 26 graduated operating centers that remain committed to I/UCRC principles. A complete directory may be found on the NSF website for the I/UCRC program.

Research Sites Scattered Female Site Directors Increasing



### Each cluster carries its own weight





# Membership Agreement

- Membership fee structure
- Patent rights held by university, with royalty free, non-exclusive rights to center members
- Companies wishing to exercise rights to a royalty-free license pay for the costs of patent application
- If only one company seeks a license, that COMPANY may obtain an exclusive feebearing license
- March-in Rights
- Publication delay policy
- Industrial Advisory Board one representative from each company per membership
- Indemnification

### •Must sign the membership agreement form •ONE center, and ONE membership agreement form

# **NSF Funding Formula**

#### First five years

- \$55 \$80k each year based upon industrial membership level (\$150k \$300k)
- Lead university receives \$10K for each additional research partner
- NSF provides funds for an evaluator

### Second five years

- Universities receive \$40K-\$60K each year depending upon industrial support
- Lead university receives \$10K for each additional research partner
- NSF provides funds for an evaluator

### **Third Five Years**

- \$15K each year based upon industrial membership level (\$175k minimum)
- Lead university receives \$25K for each additional research partner
- NSF provides funds for an evaluator

## **Other Funding Opportunities for I/UCRCs**

- TIE Projects Between I/UCRC Centers (NSF matching!)
- Fundamental Research Supplement
- Research Experience for Undergraduate Students (REU)
- Research Experience for Teachers (RET)
- Federal Government Interagency Exchange of Funds
- Other NSF Programs that Co-fund Centers
  - OISE; CBET; CMMI; ECCS; CISE; and GEO
- International Collaboration/Projects
- Supplemental Opportunity for SBIR/STTR Memberships

## **Total Funding by Source by Year in Dollars**

"Fed" & "Industrial Membership" \$ Play a Key Role



I/UCRC tools help guide industrial relevant research

Centers provide industry with the right information to guide project selection including:

- Project description
- Research analysis
- Project duration
- Project cost
- Deliverables
- Milestones

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY PROJECT OVERVIEW	
PROJECT NAME:	PROPOSAL:
PROJECT MANAGER:	_
PROGRAM NAME:	NEW
PROGRAM MANAGER	CONT
DESCRIPTION:	
EXPERIMENTAL PLAN:	
RELATED WORK ELSEWHERE:	HOW OURS IS DIFFERENT:
RELATED WORK WITHIN THE CENTER:	MILESTONES:
DELIVERABLES:	BUDGET:
POTENTIAL MEMBER COMPANY BENEFITS:	

# **LIFE Form for Project Feedback**

The LIFE process ensures quality and stimulates continued interest in the program.

Comments should include: •Precompetitive suggestions •Applications & Industry Benefits •Suggested changes •Innovativeness of Research •Industrial relevance •Similar work done elsewhere •Offers of help (mentoring?) To facilitate scientific and technical interaction between Center Faculty and Industrial Member Representative, each company represented is requested to rank their company's level of interest and the research relevancy of each presentation. Please mark an X below to reflect the opinion of your company.

Level Of Interest Feedback Evaluation (LIFE)

Level of Interest:



Comments, questions, and concerns from the transcribed LIFE forms are discussed during the IAB meeting prior to making project funding recommendations.

Bottom Line:

- What makes the project so "hot" or "transformational"?
- How can we improve this project?
- Real-time project revisions are encouraged if needed.

# **Next Steps**

- Compile list of projects attractive to potential members/sponsors
- Recruit sponsors to meet the solicitation requirement (\$150k/site, and a minimum of 3 members per site)
- Get commitment letters per site (key words!!!)
- Refine membership agreement (blessed by the SRO)
- Prepare collaborative proposal
- Beware of **deadline** (5pm submitter's local time)

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