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Dear University Liaison:

With this announcement of TxDOT's main Request for Proposals (RFP) for the coming research program year, I would like to remind you of some important program policies. Please share this information with your researchers who may be interested in participating in our program.

Late Deliverables — We will not accept proposals that include any research team member with “seriously late” deliverables. Nor may these researchers be added to any active projects. For our 2011 program, “seriously late” is defined as deliverable actions with due dates on or prior to October 31, 2009 which have not been submitted to RTI, in good faith, by end of day February 28, 2010.

“Underutilized” Initiative — For 2011, we will again be setting aside several projects for an RFP distributed only to universities / institutions classified as underutilized by TxDOT's research program. “Underutilized” continues to be defined as “active institutions averaging less than 1% of total program awards for the previous 5 years.” Institutions graduate from this category when they have exceeded the award level in the definition for 3 consecutive years.

Underutilized institutions are eligible to propose, as lead agency or partner, on all TxDOT research projects. For projects in the underutilized RFP, proposals will be accepted only with an underutilized institution as the lead agency, and at least 50% of the project work, as represented by each institution's proportion of the total project budget, to be performed by an underutilized institution(s). Institutions classified as underutilized for our 2011 program are:

Lamar University
Prairie View A&M
San Houston State
Stephen F. Austin
Tarleton State
Texas A&M – Corpus Christi
Texas A&M – Kingsville
Texas Southern

Texas State University – San Marcos
University of North Texas
UT Brownsville
UT Pan American
UT San Antonio
UT Tyler
West Texas A&M

If you have any questions about the policies summarized above, or other research program topics, please feel free to give me a call at 512-465-7632.

Sincerely,

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cc: Research Directors