Dear Colleagues,

Title V grants, which are targeted to develop Hispanic Serving Institutions (HSIs), provide a significant funding opportunity for FIU: 5 year individual grants up to $3.25 million, and 5 year cooperative grants up to $3.875 million.

FIU’s strategy will be to submit no more than one grant proposal in each category. In order to put together the best institutional grant proposal for undergraduate education, the Office of Undergraduate Education has been asked to solicit proposals which will be reviewed and examined for the possibility of putting several compatible proposals together for a relatively large scale, high impact institutional proposal for the university.

The anticipated Title V priorities are as follows:

- Activities and support programs to improve persistence and graduation rates.
- Tracking systems to allow better understanding of, and increased, progression rates and graduation rates.
- Dual enrollment programs or career pathways programs that integrate basic academic instruction with technical or professional occupational training to advance students, particularly adult learners, on high-wage occupation career paths.
- Articulation agreements and student support programs designed to facilitate the transfer of students from two-year to four-year institutions
- Providing education, counseling services, and financial information designed to improve the financial and economic literacy of students and their families.

Please read the attached information and submit your proposals by May 3, according to the instructions on the information sheets.

FIU is one of the most important HSIs in the country, and we should be very competitive for Title V funding. Thank you for your good ideas.

With appreciation,

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Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program – Title V

URL for complete guidelines: Not currently available; estimated to be released in the coming two weeks with only 30 days for submission.

Brief Description:

The Hispanic-Serving Institutions (HSI) Program provides grants to assist HSIs to expand educational opportunities for, and improve the attainment of, Hispanic students. The HSI Program grants also enable HSIs to expand and enhance their academic offerings, program quality, and institutional stability.

Anticipated Priorities:

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Allowable Activities:

Scientific or laboratory equipment for teaching; construction or renovation of instructional facilities; faculty development; purchase of educational materials; academic tutoring or counseling programs; funds and administrative management; joint use of facilities; endowment funds; distance learning academic instruction; teacher education; and student support services; case use of to 20% of total 5-year Title V funds for Endowment purposes.

Award Types/Amount:

- **Individual Development Grant:** Anticipated maximum of $3.25M; Up to $650,000 for 5 years. Applications may not exceed maximum amounts for a single budget period of 12 months.

- **Cooperative Development Grant:** Anticipated maximum of $3.875M; Up to $775,000 for 5 years. Applications may not exceed maximum amounts for a single budget period of 12 months.

  - An HSI may be the lead in a cooperative development grant and also be a partner in a cooperative grant.
**Indirect Costs:** Partial reimbursement of indirect costs not to exceed 8% of total direct costs, excluding equipment and cost-of-education allowances, but not excluding participant support.

**Institutional Limitation:** The institution will only submit 1 proposal per category (as a single institution, a lead institution in a multi-institutional project, or a partner in a multi-institutional).

**Agency Full Proposal Deadline:** By invitation only (To Be Announced).

**To apply for FIU Internal competition:** Submit the Title V Internal Application to limited@fiu.edu by the Internal Deadline of Monday, May 3, 2010, 3 p.m. EDT. See application guidelines below.
Program Solicitation Title: Developing Hispanic-Serving Institutions Program – Title V

Pl Name(s):
Department Name(s):
Project Title:
Total Budget (3-year total, and yearly):

Please address all of the items below. Please observe length limitations. Pages must be letter size (8.5x11 inches), Arial 11 point or Times New Roman 12 point, single spaced with 1 inch margins

A. Project Abstract (100 word maximum)

B. Project Description (3 page maximum)
   a. List of Participants: Include departmental and institution/organization affiliation of all faculty and staff who are expected to have an important role in the project.
   b. Goals and Objectives: Describe the general goals and measurable objectives for the project.
   c. Activities: Explain the activities which will be used to achieve the goals and objectives.
   d. Assessment: Outline the process and procedures for assessing achieving of the project objectives.
   e. Timeline: Provide an anticipated three-year project calendar.

C. References Cited (1 page maximum)