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**FROM:** George E. Klinzing

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**SUBJECT:** USAID RFA Higher Education Solutions Network

The USAID Office of Science & Technology is seeking applications from organizations interested in implementing a five-year **USAID Higher Education Solutions Network program RFA-OAA-12-000004**. The full RFA is available at [http://universityengagement.usaidallnet.gov/sites/default/files/rfa\\_final.pdf](http://universityengagement.usaidallnet.gov/sites/default/files/rfa_final.pdf)

The primary goal of this program is to establish institutional partnerships that will create and leverage a virtual network of leading experts who will help USAID solve distinct global development challenges. This network will help USAID identify new solutions and by working together, save money and improve results over time.

USAID anticipates funding Consortium Centers at between \$4-5 million per year and Single Institution Centers at between \$1-2 million per year over a five year period. Applications above a maximum amount of US\$25 million for Consortium Centers and US\$10 million for Single Institution Centers over a five-year implementation period will not be considered.

This RFA is a limited application submission process. **An institution may submit no more than three (3) applications as the lead.** Each applicant institution is restricted to **two (2) individual** institution center applications and a **single application serving as the lead (primary) on an application composed of a group of institutions competing for a "Consortium level"** award. Institutions are free to serve as collaborating partners (but not the lead) in as many applications as they feel is appropriate and can be programmatically justified. **Applications that fail to adhere to this restriction will be viewed as being non-responsive to this RFA and their application will not be reviewed.**

Because of the limit placed on the number of submissions, please send Elaine Riberich\*\* ([emr@pitt.edu](mailto:emr@pitt.edu)) by **February 23, 2012** an abstract of your project indicating the type of award. USAID concept note closing date is March 22, 2012 and full application closing date is July 17, 2012 (by 2:00 p.m. EDT)

For a list of additional Programs Limiting the Number of Allowed Institutional Submissions connect to the Office of Research home page: <http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/> then select Funding Resources. Please refer, as appropriate, to Important Notes on Agency eRA Systems posted at <http://www.pitt.edu/~offres/eralinks.html>

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