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SUBJECT: NSF *IMR-MIP* (NSF 10-552)

For a complete copy of the program announcement: *Instrumentation for Materials Research – Major Instrumentation Projects (IMR-MIP)* connect to: <http://www.nsf.gov/pubs/2010/nsf10552/nsf10552.htm>
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IMR-MIP program will consider three types of proposals—**Research and Development (R&D)**, **Conceptual and Engineering Design (CED)** and **Construction (CNST)**. An R&D proposal may request support associated with technical issues on the critical path of the engineering design, construction and utilization of next generation instruments for materials research, education and training. A CED proposal may request support to develop concepts for mid-scale instruments to a level of maturity sufficient to determine whether such an instrument is ready for construction. A CNST proposal supports construction of the instrument and must include a detailed engineering design, with a Work Breakdown Structure (WBS) to level 4 together with a detailed cost estimate. Cost sharing is NOT required under this solicitation.

An institution may submit at most **ONE IMR-MIP proposal in a given year**, whether for Research and Development, Conceptual and Engineering Design or for Construction. Because of this limit placed on the number of submissions per institution, please send Elaine Riberich** by May 3, 2010 an abstract of the proposal.

In case more than one proposal is received, a University review committee will be convened to determine which project will be endorsed for the June 21, 2010 NSF deadline.

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