SUMMARY: The aim of DEPSCoR – Capacity Building is to improve the research capabilities at institutions of higher education (IHE) in eligible States/Territories to perform competitive basic research in science and engineering that is relevant to the DoD mission and reflect national security priorities. DEPSCoR – Capacity Building (CB) objectives are to: Jumpstart capability development in the State/Territory through increased human, technical, and management resources; and achieve excellence in a DoD-relevant basic research area through funding to support equipment, education, research, and other relevant activities. The intent of this effort is to foster new, strategic, multi-thrust efforts to increase basic research capacity in a DoD-relevant research area at the applicant IHE. Anticipated funding is up to.

REVIEW CRITERIA: Internal white papers will be reviewed based on the following criteria: Demonstration of initial seed capability and identification of IHE’s gap(s) in basic research capacity; Demonstration of the potential for the effort to build academic research capacity, improve basic research capability, and enhance educational outcomes in DOD relevant fields; Demonstration of regional interest to support the need for capacity building; and Demonstration of a long-term plan for sustainment of the enhanced capacity with non-DEPSCoR funding.

Anticipated Funding Amount: $500,000 (total cost) per year for two (2) years

Additional Information: UD Research Office Intent to Apply