To: All System and Campus Heads

From: Kerry Davidson, Deputy Commissioner for Sponsored Programs

Re: New Policy: Guidelines for Cost Sharing Requests for Campus-Based Proposals to Federal Funding Agencies

May 15, 2005

Since 2002, the Board of Regents has committed matching funds (cost sharing) for twenty-eight high priority proposals submitted to federal funding agencies by institutions of higher education. While outside the purview of the four established Board of Regents Support Fund (BoRSF) programs, these proposals presented unusual potential to significantly advance the academic enhancement and economic development goals of the Support Fund. Such support has been provided from previously unspent BoRSF monies, i.e. the “Reserve Fund.” Unfortunately, only four of the twenty-eight proposals were actually funded.

In order to provide a standards-based approach for colleges and universities across the State to request such support, and to allow for more accurate budgeting of the Reserve Fund, the Board of Regents adopted the attached guidelines at its meeting of April 24, 2008. The guidelines permit matching commitments for proposals that request a minimum of $5 million in federal funding if funds are available; in most cases the BoRSF match can be no more than 10% of the requested federal amount. Please distribute the guidelines to appropriate individuals on your campus. The guidelines can also be downloaded at the Sponsored Programs website at http://laregents.org/www2/index.htm.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter.

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Attachment

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    Dr. E. Joseph Savoie, Commissioner of Higher Education