

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) Grant

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** Grants

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Agenda Date <u>4/22/03</u> Regular <input type="checkbox"/> Consent <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Work Session <input type="checkbox"/> Briefing <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 1:30 <input type="checkbox"/> Public Hearing – 7:00 <input type="checkbox"/>

MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approval and authorization for the Chairman to execute the following: approval to submit a competitive grant proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for funding through the Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) to fund up to \$700,000 to develop and implement an Integrated Government Services System for Seminole County.

BACKGROUND:

Request approval to submit a competitive grant proposal to the National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) for funding through the Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) to fund up to \$700,000 to develop and implement an Integrated Government Services System for Seminole County. The project will evaluate the current organization and use of technology in an effort to implement changes that will automate and integrate processes that streamline government. This project was initially introduced to the Board as a briefing in September 2002. The grant application will expand the project to include additional components to provide community services to underserved populations. This is a 50% matching grant. It is anticipated that our match contribution will include in-kind services from UCF students, current salaries of key county personnel, and cash to be budgeted within our departments' budget allocation for the upcoming 2-year budget cycle. Deadline for application: April 23, 2003

Reviewed by:
Co Atty: _____
DFS: _____
Other: _____
DCM: <i>SB</i> _____
CM: <i>LB</i> _____
File No. <u>CFSA00</u>

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What's New

TOP Announces FY2003 Grant Round NEW

The Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) awards grants through an annual competition. On March 17, 2003, the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced the Fiscal Year 2003 grant round for TOP. For FY 2003, approximately \$12.4 million is available for matching grants. The deadline for submission is **Wednesday, April 23, 2003**.

TOP's [Notice of Availability of Funds \(Notice\)](#) was released in the *Federal Register* on March 17, 2003. The [Application Kit for FY 2003](#), including *Notice* and *Guidelines*, provides information on the program, rules for applying, suggestions for preparing an application, and the standard forms you need to prepare a TOP application.

If you are interested in applying, we urge you to visit the [Grants](#) section of this website to determine the eligibility of your project. If you have questions, you may contact a Program Officer at (202) 482-2048. A number of TOP program officers will be participating in [meetings and workshops](#) around the country over the next several weeks and will be available to answer questions about the grant round.

TOP's New Grantees Off to a Strong Start

On September 30, 2002, TOP awarded twenty-five grants totaling \$12.5 million for Fiscal Year 2002. TOP awards are timely indicators of trends and public concerns that can be addressed with advanced telecommunication and information services. Every two weeks, we will be posting a new story about how our grantee organizations are using information technology to help people make the transition from welfare to work, improve public safety, streamline government, promote economic self-sufficiency, manage valuable community resources, and redefine access to the arts.

Read About: A project of the [Emery Water Conservancy District](#) to provide and collect information on land resources.

- **Note: To read this story, you must have the [Adobe Acrobat Reader](#) installed.**
- [Archive of Previous Stories](#)

TOP Posts New Project Evaluations NEW

Three new [Project Evaluations](#) are now accessible through TOP's website: the **Massachusetts Telehealth Access Program** (Boston, MA), the **Association of Kansas Telehospices** (Wichita, KS), and **California Institute of the Arts** (Valencia, CA).

TOP's 25 Awards for FY2002

On September 27, 2002, the Commerce Department's National Telecommunications and Information Administration (NTIA) announced the award of \$12.4 million in Technology Opportunities Program (TOP) grants to 25 non-profit organizations, including state and local governments, in 19 states and the District of Columbia. TOP received 741 applications for FY2002 funds.

TOP grants, matched by \$13.6 million in contributions from the private sector and state and local organizations, demonstrate how information technology can address public concerns over areas such as housing, safety, economic development, and e-government.

- [View a list of awards](#)
- [Access a searchable database of applications submitted to the FY 2002 grant competition](#)

Sign Up for Regular TOP Updates

TOP has inaugurated an email list to provide interested parties with updates and other information about the program. We are doing this to streamline our communications with our friends in the field, and reach out more effectively and quickly.

Take a moment and [join TOP's new email list](#).

Got a Question? TOP's Got Answers!

TOP's new **Frequently Asked Questions** page is now online. Check it out by clicking on [FAQ](#) in the footer of any page on TOP's website. If you have an additional question that is not covered by the FAQ page, please call or email TOP.

See also [TOP's News from the Field](#) for news and information about TOP grantees.

See also [NTIA Press Releases](#) for additional information and updates on NTIA and TOP activities.

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**APPLICATION FOR
FEDERAL ASSISTANCE**

1. TYPE OF SUBMISSION: Application <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction Preapplication <input type="checkbox"/> Construction <input type="checkbox"/> Non-Construction		2. DATE SUBMITTED April 14, 2003	Applicant Identifier
		3. DATE RECEIVED BY STATE	State Application Identifier
		4. DATE RECEIVED BY FEDERAL AGENCY	Federal Identifier
5. APPLICANT INFORMATION			
Legal Name: Seminole County Board of County Commissioners		Organizational Unit: Seminole County/UCF Consortium	
Address (give city, county, State, and zip code): Seminole County Government 1101 East First Street, Sanford, Florida 32771		Name and telephone number of person to be contacted on matters involving this application (give area code) Craig Shadrix 407-665-7343	
6. EMPLOYER IDENTIFICATION NUMBER (EIN): 59 - 60000856		7. TYPE OF APPLICANT: (enter appropriate letter in box) <div style="text-align: right; border: 1px solid black; padding: 2px; display: inline-block;">B</div> A. State B. County C. Municipal D. Township E. Interstate F. Intermunicipal G. Special District H. Independent School Dist. I. State Controlled Institution of Higher Learning J. Private University K. Indian Tribe L. Individual M. Profit Organization N. Other (Specify) _____	
8. TYPE OF APPLICATION: <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> New <input type="checkbox"/> Continuation <input type="checkbox"/> Revision If Revision, enter appropriate letter(s) in box(es) <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> A. Increase Award B. Decrease Award C. Increase Duration D. Decrease Duration Other(specify): _____		9. NAME OF FEDERAL AGENCY: U.S. Department of Commerce	
10. CATALOG OF FEDERAL DOMESTIC ASSISTANCE NUMBER: 16 - 585 TITLE: _____		11. DESCRIPTIVE TITLE OF APPLICANT'S PROJECT: An Integrated Government Services System for Citizens of Seminole County	
12. AREAS AFFECTED BY PROJECT (Cities, Counties, States, etc.): All of Seminal County			
13. PROPOSED PROJECT		14. CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICTS OF:	
Start Date	Ending Date	a. Applicant 7th Congressional District	b. Project 7th Congressional District
15. ESTIMATED FUNDING:		16. IS APPLICATION SUBJECT TO REVIEW BY STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS?	
a. Federal	\$.00	a. YES. THIS PREAPPLICATION/APPLICATION WAS MADE AVAILABLE TO THE STATE EXECUTIVE ORDER 12372 PROCESS FOR REVIEW ON:	
b. Applicant	\$.00	DATE _____	
c. State	\$.00	b. No. <input type="checkbox"/> PROGRAM IS NOT COVERED BY E. O. 12372	
d. Local	\$.00	<input type="checkbox"/> OR PROGRAM HAS NOT BEEN SELECTED BY STATE FOR REVIEW	
e. Other	\$.00		
f. Program Income	\$.00	17. IS THE APPLICANT DELINQUENT ON ANY FEDERAL DEBT? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes If "Yes," attach an explanation. <input type="checkbox"/> No	
g. TOTAL	\$ 0.00		
18. TO THE BEST OF MY KNOWLEDGE AND BELIEF, ALL DATA IN THIS APPLICATION/PREAPPLICATION ARE TRUE AND CORRECT, THE DOCUMENT HAS BEEN DULY AUTHORIZED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE APPLICANT AND THE APPLICANT WILL COMPLY WITH THE ATTACHED ASSURANCES IF THE ASSISTANCE IS AWARDED.			
a. Type Name of Authorized Representative Daryl G. McLain		b. Title Chairman	c. Telephone Number (407) 665-7209
d. Signature of Authorized Representative		e. Date Signed	