

**SEMINOLE COUNTY GOVERNMENT
AGENDA MEMORANDUM**

SUBJECT: Partnerships for Innovation Grant Application

DEPARTMENT: Fiscal Services **DIVISION:** Grants Administration

AUTHORIZED BY: Lisa Spriggs  **CONTACT:** Jennifer Bero  **EXT.** 7125

Agenda Date <u>08/22/06</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"/>
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MOTION/RECOMMENDATION:

Approve to partner with UCF to submit a grant application to the National Science Foundation - Partnerships for Innovation Grant Program, and authorize the County Manager to execute supporting documents.

[Dept Contact: Colleen Rotella (407) 665-7351]

BACKGROUND:

The National Science Foundation is offering the Partnerships for Innovation Grant Program to stimulate innovations which support the transformation of technological advances into new products, processes, systems, and services. To support this innovation, the program fosters partnerships among colleges and universities, and local governments.

Seminole County staff, in partnership with the University of Central Florida College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS) and College of Health and Public Affairs (COHPA), would like to pursue this grant opportunity to further the development of SCI.Net. The grant program requires academic institutions to be the lead agency; therefore, UCF will be the lead in the partnership. If awarded, this grant would provide UCF with the funds to increase their resources, partnering with Seminole County to expand SCI.Net from its pilot scope of Planning and Development Departmental processes to countywide areas. The expansion will also potentially allow for SCI.Net to be offered to other agencies in Seminole County (i.e. the Sheriff, the Cities, etc.), making this a truly customer focused, innovative, and universal product.

Awards may be up to \$600,000 with award duration of two or three years. No match funds are required.

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File No. <u>CFSG02</u>

**GRANT PROPOSAL REVIEW FORM – ABSTRACT
GRANTS ADMINISTRATION DIVISION**

FUNDER: National Science Foundation

DATE DUE: August 30, 2006

PROJECT TITLE: SciNet Expansion

DEPARTMENT: Planning and Development

PROJECT INITIATOR(S): Colleen Rotella, Community Resources Manager

PROJECT MANAGER/PRINCIPAL INVESTIGATOR: Jackson Heinzelman, Sr. Coordinator,
and Dr. Ronald Eaglin, University of Central Florida

PROJECT DESCRIPTION: Seminole County, in partnership with the University of Central Florida College of Engineering and Computer Science (CECS) and College of Health and Public Affairs (COHPA), are developing a fully integrated system that not only takes advantage of technology, but removes all of the typical layers found in local government. Staff would like to pursue this grant opportunity to further the development of SCI.Net. If awarded, this grant would enable UCF and Seminole County to exceed the original scope and include other agencies in Seminole County and beyond, making this a truly customer focused, innovative and universal product.

TOTAL AMOUNT REQUESTED: \$600,000

MATCHING FUNDS (IF APPLICABLE): Not applicable

SOURCES OF MATCH: Not applicable

THIS PROPOSAL IS A:

- NEW GRANT CONTINUATION GRANT SUPPLEMENTAL GRANT

GRANT FUNDING IS:

- COMPETITIVE ENTITLEMENT CONTRACT