USGS 104b – 2022 REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS

Full proposals that address water resources priority issues in Nebraska are now being solicited. The Nebraska Water Center, part of the Daugherty Water for Food Global Institute, anticipates research funds being available in 2022 through its Section 104(b) Water Institutes Program, U.S. Geological Survey (USGS). Faculty members at all Nebraska universities are eligible and encouraged to apply for these funds. The start date for projects is September 1, 2022 for a one-year period ending August 31, 2023.

Deadline to submit full proposals to Dennis Shannon in pre-award at Office of Sponsored Programs via email is 1:30 p.m. March 25, 2022.

New guidelines are provided in Attachment 2. Those proposals that do not comply with the guidelines will not be reviewed.

Proposed research that addresses one of the many priority water research challenges identified on Attachments 3, 3A, and 3B will be ranked higher if there is collaboration with USGS. Proposals will be evaluated by an advisory board comprised of: State and Federal agency representatives, faculty members, external reviewers, and the NWC director.

Also, see Attachment 4: example of a proposal budget; and Attachment 5: USGS RFP from 2021 (2022 not available currently for proposal preparation purposes). USGS is using a new system that can only be accessed by authorized individuals which will not include PI’s.

After review of proposals by an advisory board and suggested reviewers using Attachment 6 (provided here as a sample), the NWC will contact the awarded PI by email in mid-April with any edits or comments. All final FULL .doc proposals will be due to: Tricia Liedle at pliedle@nebraska.edu and Gamze Randolph grandolph2@unl.edu no later than April 22nd.

No extensions will be granted.
If you have any questions concerning application procedures, or potential research topics, please contact Tricia Liedle or Chittaranjan Ray at the NWC via email.

**Attachments:**
- Attachment 1: NE RFP 2022 Call for USGS 104B Full Proposals
- Attachment 2: NE 2022 Instructions
- Attachment 3: Top 10 Water Research Challenges
- Attachment 3A: Additional Challenges via NWC
- Attachment 3B: Potential for Collaboration with NeDNR
- Attachment 4: Example Proposal Budget
- Attachment 5: USGS RFP 2022
- Attachment 6: Review Criteria all reviewers will score from

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