Midwest Big Data Hub

Letters of Intent for NSF 16-510

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SEEDCorn: Sustainable Enabling Environment for Data Collaboration (aka MBDH)

- A partnership of academia, government, industry, nonprofits
- Over 100 partners already
  - Colleges, Universities, Medical Centers, of all types
  - Industry, Non-profits, NGOs
  - States, cities, communities
  - Looking for others to join!
- See website: midwestbigdatahub.org
- NSF Calls for Proposals for Spokes and Planning Grants
  - Primary topic of this webinar: all draft LOIs welcome, in all areas!
  - Other (non-NSF) sources of funding will be sought as well
NSF Calls for Proposals

- The Hub is a structure that supports spokes
  - Governance, communications, working groups, workshops, etc
  - May be able to support pilot projects on data sharing
- Current NSF solicitation aiming at Spokes that should connect to Hub
  - Communities to address societal Grand Challenges
  - Helping to automate big data life cycle
  - Enabling access to and increasing use of data sets
- We invite you to consider proposals and/or planning grants
  - See [http://midwestbigdatahub.org/proposals/](http://midwestbigdatahub.org/proposals/) for information
  - This webinar part of process to facilitate community development
- NSF anticipates up to 20 spokes and planning grants across all four hubs
Guidelines (derived from Solicitation)

- Proposed Spoke activities must align with the priorities of the Midwest BD Hub.
- The proposed Spoke should be action-oriented, making measurable progress towards specific goals within their topic area, using Big Data technologies.
- Results from the Spoke activity must contribute to the education and training missions of the Midwest BD Hub.
- Proposals should be submitted by organizations that have past successful experiences engaging in Big Data innovation activities.
- Proposals must identify the need to be formally connected to a regional BD Hub and reasons why the proposed activities will be significantly strengthened through linkage with the Midwest BD Hub.
- Spokes must have a clearly defined mission statement with goals and corresponding metrics of success.
- Spokes should be collaborative projects, including multiple institutions and/or multiple states. International collaborations are encouraged.
- Approval from the Midwest BD Hub in the form of a Letter of Collaboration.
Key Requirements for Midwest Hub LOIs

- Submissions due to us at MBDH@iastate.edu by Dec 9 11:59 PM CT
- *Two page draft LOI*, compliant with NSF guidelines (see solicitation)
- **One page to address MBDH requirements**
  - Strong potential to generate high impact
  - Clear goals, metrics, timeline, and plan for project and its sustainability
  - Collaborative team involving multiple sectors, institutions and states
  - Connection to workforce advancement, data accessibility, tool development and other broader impacts
  - Clear relationship to Hub’s current Spoke themes and expected collaboration with Hub activities
  - Regional Hub resources you hope to utilize
    - Partial list given on web site
  - **One page on budget**: how much funding, how used
Next Steps

- **December 16, 2015**: We notify all proposers of decision on support letters. Possible outcomes:
  - Indicate support for spoke or planning grant
  - Multiple groups with similar spoke areas possible
  - Spoke proposals in *all* areas are possible (*even if no working group now*)
  - Support not recommended
- MBDH Steering Committee meet Dec 16 to plan
  - Spring meetings, activities, etc
  - Election of long term steering committee
  - All hands meeting in January (date, place TBD)
Next Steps

- **Dec 9 onward**: We will try to work with supported groups to prepare for proposals
- **January 12, 2016**: Final LOI due at NSF
- **February 12, 2016**: Proposals submitted to the Hub for review and preparation of Letters of Collaboration
- **February 22, 2016**: Hub Letters of Collaboration returned to proposers
- **February 25, 2016**: Full proposals submitted to NSF
- **Spring 2016 and beyond**: we will have series of workshops, meetings, etc to move the hub and spokes forward
Note: What we call “Rings” are just like spokes for LOIs!

CURRENT SPOKE
DESCRIPTIONS

Strongly recommend you to work with Points of Contact in advance of Dec 9 LOI deadline!!
Spokes Currently Identified by MBDH
(Leaders across Midwest for each area!)

- Network Science
  - Including Data Intensive Research in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences…

- Urban Science
  - Including Smart and Connected Communities…

- Business Analytics

- Digital Agriculture

- Transportation

- Advanced Manufacturing

- Food, Energy, Water

- Healthcare & Biomedical Research
  - Including neuroscience…

- Others as proposed…
  - Including Data Privacy

Spokes and Hub part of synergistic ecosystem
Crosscutting Rings Supported by MBDH

• **Data Science**
  - *Including Data Intensive Research in the Social, Behavioral, and Economic Sciences*...
  - *Replicability and Reproducibility in Data Science*

• **Education**
  - *Including new approaches to STEM learning environments*...

• **Data Tools and Services**

Rings are spoke-like entities with cross spoke impact