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TO: University Community

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SUBJ: Availability of the COS Database

The Division of Research and Economic Development is pleased to announce the availability of a new funding opportunity database for the campus community.

The Division now subscribes to COS Funding Opportunities, which contains more than 25,000 records that represent more than 400,000 funding opportunities in all disciplines. Also available is Funding Alert, a personalized electronic notification service of funding information. Subscribers receive a weekly e-mail with a customized list of funding opportunities based on previously specified criteria provided by the individual user.

Campus community members can access Funding Opps and Alert one of two ways:

**(1) IP Access**

From any on-campus computer, a user can go right to Funding Opps at [www.cos.com/](http://www.cos.com/). University of Rhode Island IP addresses will be recognized by RefWorks-COS, allowing the user to start searching the database immediately.

**(2) Username and Password**

Campus community members can log into <http://www.cos.com/> with a COS username and password anytime, anywhere. Logging in this way will take the user to his or her COS Workbench. From the COS Workbench, the user can search Funding Opps. Username and password access is necessary when a user is off-campus and when a user needs to save a funding record or search.

To obtain a COS username and password, go to <http://www.cos.com/> and click the “New User Register Free” icon near the top left of the screen. You will gain access to Funding Opps and Alert by indicating you are a member of the URI community.

The Office of Research Development will offer training on COS in the fall semester. To request a specific training presentation for a meeting or class, please contact Karen Markin, Director of Research Development, at ext. 4-5971.

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