

THE
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DIVISION OF RESEARCH
AND ECONOMIC
DEVELOPMENT

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TO: The University Community

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SUBJ: Enhanced Research Proposal Consultation Services

We are pleased to announce that the Division of Research and Economic Development has partnered with The Implementation Group, Inc. (TIG), a multi-service consulting firm located in Washington, DC. Since its inception in 1994, TIG has earned a national reputation for positioning their clients to compete successfully for federal funding. TIG will partner with our Office of Research Development to enhance the services currently offered to the URI research community. This partnership will include work in a number of areas including early funding opportunity identification, liaison services with federal agency officials, and proposal development and implementation. Our initial focus area will be on enhancing proposal development and review.

URI submits over 700 proposals annually and thus it will be necessary to identify proposals to forward to TIG. Preference will be given to the following types of proposals:

- a. Competitive resubmissions
- b. Large-scale submissions that include multidisciplinary, multi-college or multi-institutional collaborations
- c. Proposals that focus on University and federal agency priority areas
- d. Proposals submitted by early stage investigators

Please note that your participation is entirely voluntary. Faculty who are interested in this enhanced service should contact Karen Markin (kmarkin@uri.edu or 4-5971) or Susan Gomes (sgomes@uri.edu or 4-5857) in the Office of Research Development. Please contact us as far in advance of your proposal deadline as possible. In particular, large-scale, multi-investigator proposals will benefit from a longer lead time of as much as three to four months. TIG will also work with the Vice President of Research and Economic Development on specific projects that bear on economic development in the state and region.

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