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Grant Review Committee Meeting Minutes

Date: Tuesday, April 2, 2024

Time: 3:00 PM – 4:30 PM

Committee Members: Brian Cox (acting chair), Jake Reynolds, Jay Larsen, Jeff Greene, Joe Maloney, Kelly Kolb, Rico Barrera, Adrian San Miguel, Amanda Logan, Sergio Mendoza

Staff: Denise Hill, Matthew Thomsen, Rebecca Watson, Stacy James, Elaine Zabriskie

Guests:

Called to order at 3:04 p.m.

Brian Cox, Acting Chair

Welcome

Roll Call – Quorum

Review Agenda – March 26th Minutes do not need reviewed as there was no quorum and are considered notes rather than minutes.

Review February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Ms. Logan to approve the February 27, 2024 Meeting Minutes as written. Second by Mr. San Miguel. Motion carried.

*WDTF Grant Requests

Boise School District, Dennis Technical Education Center Industry Sector Grant

Dennis Technical Education Center (DTEC) will double the capacity of their welding program using this grant. Currently, the program is forced to turn away over 50% of interested students due to capacity limitations, and this expansion will both alleviate that limitation and allow the program to complete necessary updates. By purchasing new equipment and securing a dedicated instructor for the Welding III classes, this project will allow program graduates more time for hands-on practice and ensure that each student is equipped with the cutting-edge skills they need to succeed in a rapidly modernizing field.

Funding Requested \$325,972.00

- Project will fall under the STEM-Focused funding
- Boise School District is the applicant with the project taking place at Dennis Technical Education Center.
- 87% Consensus Score
- Discussion:
 - Good opportunity as there's a huge demand
 - Equipment costs seem high, but it is doubling the capacity of the program
 - Perhaps bring to Outreach Committee's attention – great opportunity, spread the word
 - It would be good to inform the TPM partners about these opportunities so they can potentially replicate in their regions.
 - It would be great if this opportunity could be funding statewide, but funding limitations would make that difficult.

Motion by Mr. Reynolds to approve recommendation of the Boise School District, Dennis Technical Education Center Industry Sector Grant as written for the full amount of \$325,972.00 to the Executive Committee for approval. Second by Ms. Logan. Motion carried.

Boise State University Industry Sector Grant

This project will scale the training space available at Boise State University for BSU degree-seeking students, CWI and CSI technician students, and Chip Camp participants in grades 8-12. The project will triple clean room space, moving from 5 students to 15 at a time. This efficient, flexible space will allow students to gain proficiency on industry-relevant equipment and help to supply the 900 technicians and additional 900 engineers/scientists that will be needed in the Micron expansion. This project has the support of major regional semiconductor manufacturers and will collaborate with community colleges to ensure good access to training facilities for the community. Additionally, a reasonable plan exists to sustain the project beyond the lifespan of this grant using a combination of student fees and endowment funds.

Funding Requested \$1,759,695.01

- Project will be funded through ARPA dollars
- Equipment costs are around \$400K with a match for equipment around \$3M
- This project increases the capacity for training students, but also for training those currently in the industry
- 75% Consensus Score
- Discussion:
 - The current space is small, and the current equipment is outdated and doesn't meet the need of industry.
 - Construction includes a contingency.
 - If contingency is not used the Council will retain unused funds
 - Renovating an existing space

Motion by Ms. Logan to approve recommendation of the Boise State University Industry Sector Grant as written for the full amount of \$1,759,695.01 to the Executive Committee for approval. Second by Mr. Reynolds. Motion carried.

Updates:

Matthew Thomsen

- Currently working on combined meeting in May, possibly 22nd
- May look at doing this virtually rather than in person
- Should know by April 22nd how many grants would be ready for review
- IKEEP Grant must be re-approved and will be re-submitted with explanation at that meeting

A unanimous consent motion by Ms. Logan to adjourn. No objections.

Adjourned 3:32 PM.