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NIOSH Centers of Excellence for Total Worker Health®

Frequently Asked Questions and Responses

1. *Is the Pilot/Feasibility Research Program optional or required?*

Response: It is **optional**. If the center decides to implement a pilot project, the investigators must budget for up to \$50,000 **direct** cost of the research core for these projects.

2. *Is the Pilot/Feasibility Research total or direct costs?*

Response: The Pilot/Feasibility Research is **direct** costs (a notice on this will be published shortly)

3. *There are multiple submission dates. Can a proposal for a new center be submitted on any of these dates?*

Response: We encourage applicants to submit their proposals this year. The multiple submission dates provide an opportunity for proposals that are not funded in FY2016 to be revised and resubmitted. NIOSH appropriations are received and managed on a fiscal year basis. If NIOSH receives additional funds for extramural TWH research, then new proposals may be funded. Likewise, if appropriations are reduced, then it is unlikely that new proposals will be funded.

4. *Does the announcement apply to applications for new Centers of Excellence for Total Worker Health® or applications for competitive renewals of existing centers?*

Response: The announcement applies to applications for new and existing centers.

5. *What is the page limitation for the components within the application, and for the individual research projects?*

Response: Section IV, Table of Contents describes the page limitations and the outline that you should complete for each project.

6. *Where would it be appropriate to describe the Past Performance of the Pilot/Feasibility Research Program?*

Response: This should be described in the Research Core as a part of the Pilot Research program

7. *What is the limitation of pages for the past performances for each component?*

Response: The applicant may have up to five (5) pages for each of the three cores, for each research project and for the Pilot/Feasibility Research Program.

8. *Where the costs of administering the Pilot/Feasibility Research Program should be described?*

Response: NIOSH suggests including it in the Planning and Evaluation Core, but it is up to the applicant's discretion.